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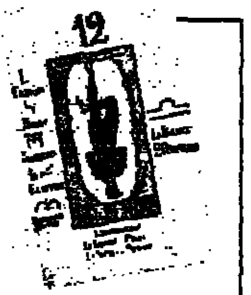

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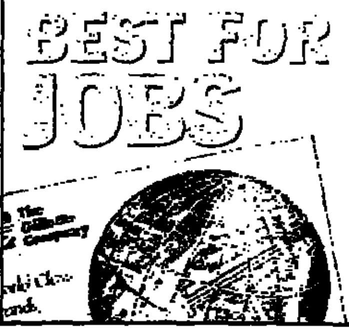

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Maths and grammar to be checked

Soft options at A level to be curbed

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

GILLIAN SHEPHARD will today order a return to rigorous testing of basic grammar and arithmetic at A level, and curb schools' ability to shop around for soft-option courses.

The Education Secretary, alarmed at a decline in literacy among even the brightest English A-level students over the past 20 years, wants all courses to place greater emphasis on spelling, syntax and writing skills.

Mrs Shephard plans a wide range of measures to ensure that students master both the essential techniques and the facts of their subject so that A levels remain the "gold standard" after almost a decade of soaring pass-rates.

Her plans will be announced as the most authoritative review of A levels and GCSEs — comparing standards in English, chemistry and mathematics papers since 1975 — is published. The report will show that the teaching of facts and formulae has been sacrificed to creativity and a broader knowledge.

In response, Mrs Shephard will ask examiners to limit the number of "open-book" test papers, which allow students to take texts into the examination hall. The practice of allowing science candidates to use formula sheets and high-performance calculators will also be restricted, because they are believed to be eroding problem-solving skills. English GCSE will concentrate more on grammar and comprehension.

Shephard: alarmed at decline in literacy

Mrs Shephard also wants "substantial reductions" in the number of courses offered by examination boards, to prevent schools seeking "easier" courses and achieve greater consistency. Schools can choose from more than 20 English A level courses, and from 45 mathematics courses. The Education Secretary regards such a wide range as a force driving standards down, as boards effectively compete for business from schools anxious to secure the best grades. She does not want to nationalise the system, but hopes the process of mergers that has seen the number of boards fall from over twenty to six over the past decade will continue. If no further rationalisation is apparent by the end of next month, *The Times* understands that Mrs Shephard will take action.

However, George Turnbull, a spokesman for the Associated Examining Board, said that open-book examinations made tougher demands on pupils than memorising texts "because if you do not know the text you will spend all your time looking through and trying to find quotations. The content of A levels has moved over 20 years, but we have tried to ensure standards have stayed the same."

He added: "There are only four boards for English at GCSE and A level which compares with 24 just ten years ago, and the content is very tightly controlled. If you want to continue the consistency idea, you would have only one university but there are more than 100 offering thousands of different courses".

The comparison of GCSE and A level standards over the past 20 years will show how marks given for showing a thorough knowledge of the basics have gradually reduced. Pupils are now required to have a wider range of knowledge in less depth.

This is not generally interpreted as a fall in standards by the report's authors — the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority and Ofsted, the school inspection agency. They believe that the main change has been the emphasis on understanding and creativity at the expense of learning facts.

However in mathematics, the report will say that a lower level of achievement is now needed for the same grades. Traditional skills such as algebra and problem-solving have declined, but expertise in other areas, such as statistics and probability, is improving.

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ANGLING TIMES

A marksman with some of his cormorant cull. The birds are a protected species

Anglers turn to guns for illegal cull of cormorants

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

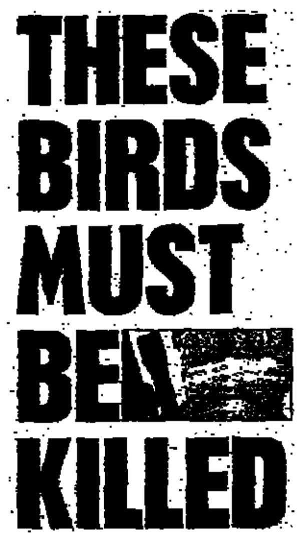
MILITANT anglers are defying the law by shooting and poisoning cormorants, a protected species which they say is devastating their sport.

The birds, whose numbers have increased in recent years to around 7,200 pairs, may be shot only under licence. But squads of marksmen — some apparently employed by landowners with well-stocked rivers or lakes — are tackling "the black plague" by shooting up to 52 birds in three-hour culls. Licensed shooters are allowed to kill six a season.

One lake owner in southern England told *The Times* yesterday: "Cormorants are a weed and need to be taken out."

Official angling organisations, which want the bird's protection to be lifted so that it can be shot on sight like crows, have nevertheless condemned the shooting, fearing that members could become the target of radical animal rights groups. Derek Rose, chairman of the National Federation of Anglers fisheries committee, said: "From a fisheries point of view the only good cormorant is a dead one. . .and we understand the frustration of people. But we cannot condone anyone breaking the law."

The existence of cormorant hit squads was disclosed in yesterday's *Angling Times*, which backs the action. In a report headlined "These Birds Must Be Killed", the magazine showed a photograph of a masked man next to four dead birds: "This is the picture every angler wants to see: the man, the gun and the cormorant. . .unless the cormorants are halted, angling faces an inevitable wipe-out".



THESE BIRDS MUST BE KILLED

Blunt message from the *Angling Times*

The magazine also carries an interview with a lake owner on how the birds, which can eat nearly 2lbs of fish a day and are said to be taking up to 1,500 tons of fish a year, are being secretly culled. Apart from shooting, militants are putting paracetamol tablets into dead fish near roosting sites to poison the birds. Other methods include putting bait under a float so that a cormorant diving to take the bait is "wound down under the water to drown".

The illicit culling is the latest element of a long-running battle between wildlife groups and anglers, which mirrors the tension between grouse moor owners and bird groups.

Anglers say the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is so powerful that it has won the ear of government at the expense of fisherman and fish stocks. But Robin Wynde of

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Ministers back Japanese PoWs

Ministers have backed calls for some of Japan's biggest firms to pay compensation to thousands of British prisoners of war. Campaigners are pressing for payments of £13,500 for each of the 10,000 survivors. Jeremy Hanley, the Foreign Office minister, insisted that Britain had not "closed the book" on the campaign .... Page 2

Teacher 'fought machete attacker'

A court was told yesterday of the bravery of a nursery teacher who shepherded her children to safety while a machete-wielding man attacked the class as they enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic. Horrett Campbell denies seven charges of attempted murderPage 3

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Labour out to shine on Costa del Sol

From Tunku Varadarajan in Madrid

A WHITEWASHED, photogenic town on Spain's Costa del Sol is the latest outpost of the whitewashed, photogenic Labour party.

Nerja (population 15,000) boasts the presence of nearly 1,000 Britons, all soon able to take part in local elections under a new European Union agreement. With this juicy British vote-bank in mind, and under a prospective local tie-up with the Spanish Socialist party, moves are afoot to field Labour candidates at Nerja's municipal elections.

New Labour, of course, has its work cut out in Spain. The Tory outfit for expatriates, Conservatives Abroad, has made "British" Spain its own fiefdom. But party workers in Nerja are undaunted, showing an oomph in the face of adversity of which Walworth Road should be proud.

Dorothy Price, a Labour activist who has lived in the Nerja area for "nine happy years", said: "Several natural Tories have learnt to admire the achievements of Spain's former Socialist Government. They will vote Labour." She did not mean the corruption that flourished under Felipe González but "Spain's marvellous health service".

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BRITS TO RUN IN LOCAL SPANISH ELECTIONS
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"Hey Miguel, d'you think there's a chance Nick Scott might come over?"

At 67, Mrs Price has lost none of the firmness that would once have come in handy as an adult education teacher in Oxford. Her name is mentioned by the town council's Socialist opposition leader, Gabriel Broncano, as a likely Labour candidate.

Señor Broncano, 42 and Nerja's Mayor from 1987 to 1995, is full of enthusiasm for an *acuerdo*, or deal, saying: "We are very keen to come to an agreement soon. Nerja is a very open-minded city."

The plan is for Labour candidates to stand — as Labour candidates — on the Socialist party's slate at the local elections 1999. "We have so much in common," declares Señor Broncano. "I am sure that we will have a British councillor or two in 1999. And, frankly, it is entirely possible that there could be a British mayor of Nerja."

British residents, however, are keen to emphasise their "Spanishness". Robert Roberts, a retired manager for Shell who left Morecambe 13 years ago to live in the Costa del Sol, said: "We live together with the Spaniards and try to speak their language. Our concerns are the same as theirs." Asked if he was enthusiastic about Labour councillors in Nerja, and a prospective "Costa del Stakeholders", he retreated cautiously. "I'm too old to get involved in politics, really." Mr Roberts is 73.

Mrs Price, however, is more energetic. "We foreigners want a voice. We have concerns here like rates, roads, lighting on streets. But the real thing is, we live here. So we want to vote and take part in the running of our town."

Llin Golding, the MP for Newcastle-under-Lyme, is the star turn of Mrs Price's Labour winter season. She comes to Nerja next month to explain her leader's message — new Labour, new country, and of course new Nerja.

Food poison death toll now seven

A SEVENTH person died yesterday in the Scottish food poisoning outbreak as Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, opened the way for a fatal accident inquiry into the handling of the case.

The man who died was 74 and came from Wishaw. He had attended a pensioners' party on November 17 and was admitted to hospital four days later.

Strathclyde Police are continuing to investigate allegations that the butcher at the centre of the outbreak, John M. Barr and Son, of Wishaw, sold meat for a buffet at an 18th birthday party a day after they had been told to remove all cooked meats from sale. Twenty-two of the guests are showing symptoms of food poisoning.

The total number of cases is now thought to be more than 300, of which 261 are in Lanarkshire.

Millionairess and a first-class dogfight over the US

From Giles Whittell in Los Angeles

A MOROCCAN millionairess is suing American Airlines after being tied up by the captain of her New York flight while her dog ran riot in first class.

Marcelle Becker, born in Casablanca but widowed in Los Angeles, planned to travel to the East Coast on July 6 last year in her usual style. She bought one first class seat for herself and another, by the window, for her miniature Maltese, Dom Perignon.

Shaken by an early argument with a stewardess over where to stow the dolly used to carry the dog's cage, Mrs Becker drank a cocktail and dozed off with the help of a sleeping pill, court papers show. She was woken high over the Mid-West to be told Dom Perignon had escaped. Pre-trial affidavits conflict on who was to blame but agree the widow lost her temper when told to lock the dog back into its cage and place it under a $2,000 (about £1,200) seat. Offered a glass of conciliatory champagne she reportedly denounced the flight crew as "animal haters". When told the captain would have to be summoned, she told staff what the captain might do.

Captain Edwin Frost strolled aft hoping to defuse the row. Instead he found Mrs Becker "out of control", with Dom Perignon still at large and "threatening to bite". Asking a stewardess to check that he was not restricting his passenger's blood supply, he bound Mrs Becker's hands behind her back with Dom Perignon's leash and heaved her into an adjoining seat.

Mrs Becker claims the captain bruised her from head to toe, ripped one earring from her ear and broke several of her fingernails. A trial is scheduled for next August.

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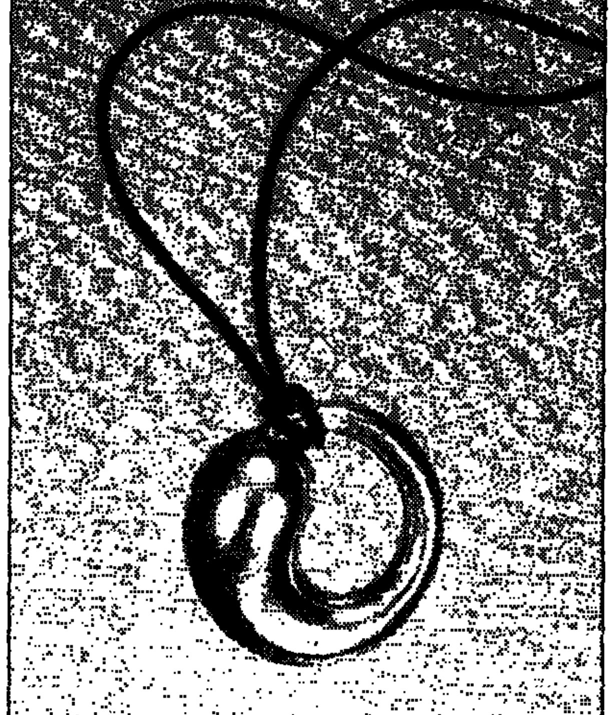

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When open debate is the way to keep a passionate secret safe

Mrs Peacock: opposed "partial birth abortion"

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

Sometimes it seems that one way to keep an argument secret is to broadcast it in Parliament, for the time is gone when every good Commons exchange would find its way into the next day's papers. Few were in the press gallery yesterday to hear a short debate between the Yorkshire Mrs Elizabeth Peacock (C, Batley & Spen) and the Welsh Mrs Ann Clwyd (Lab, Cynon Valley); and fewer to report it.

Yet the exchange, lasting 20 minutes, touched the most profound concerns, was courteous and unpartisan on both sides and exposed a memorable disagreement in principle between two rational humans. Those 20 minutes were riveting. But gruesome. The subject was what Mrs Peacock called "partial birth abortion" and Mrs Clwyd called "intact dilation and evacuation". Mrs Peacock was moving a "Ten Minute Rule Bill" — the notional introduction of a Bill for whose enactment there is no parliamentary time, but whose airing offers a chance for discussion. Mrs Peacock's Bill, which Mrs Clwyd opposed, banned this type of abortion in Britain. The squeamish should stop here. Mrs Peacock explained that "partial birth abortion," common in the US, involved the evacuation and then crushing of the foetus's skull, before extraction, usually beyond 20 weeks' pregnancy. She believed the foetus could suffer pain before death. The procedure was used in some cases where a genetic disorder had been diagnosed late, but also in cases which were "elective" (by choice). Its use in Britain was uncharted, but it was not unlawful — and should be, she thought. She added that there were MPs who had joined the campaign against veal crates but were less interested "in protecting the young of their own kind" — a crusade she called "pro-Life" and Mrs Clwyd later called "anti-Choice". I recalled that Mrs Clwyd, who believes the foetus may be sacrificed to the mother's needs, has founded a group called Peace and Animal Welfare, to oppose cruel testing on animals. I also recalled that Mrs Peacock, who believes human life is sacred, supports the death penalty and advocates the televised flogging of criminals. The composition of what we might call typical "attitude-clusters" in the minds of MPs is intriguing. Mrs Peacock spoke calmly but with passion. The former Education Secretary John Patten sat close by. He comes rarely to the Chamber now, and nodded earnestly as she spoke. Mrs Clwyd, who was barracked by some of the male anti-abortion lobby, but not by the women, spoke with similar control and the same underlying fierce feeling. She said this method of abortion was not used in Britain so a prohibition was unnecessary. She suspected Mrs Peacock was trying to reopen the whole debate about the 1967 Abortion Act, in the hope of reversing it. Besides, she thought, the choice between methods of abortion should be left to "clinical judgment".

For Mrs Peacock it might be said that a graphic description of any method of abortion would be gruesome, and one suspected it was all abortion, not just this method, she questioned. Describing a technique of whose use in Britain she offered no evidence was arguably disingenuous. But principle motivated her.

Mrs Clwyd's sincerity was equally clear, but one suspected that her rejection of the Bill on the grounds that the practice was non-existent here was also disingenuous. If it had been in common use, Mrs Clwyd would still have opposed the Bill.

Each side had supporters, but time was up. These debates hardly reach the news. It is to be hoped people know they happen.

Mrs Clwyd: said women had the right to choose

Ministers want top Japanese firms to compensate PoWs

By Arthur Leathley and David Watts

THE Government last night took the risk of upsetting Japanese industry by suggesting that Japan's wealthiest companies should pay compensation to thousands of British prisoners of war.

Ministers backed calls for some of Japan's biggest firms, including those already in Britain and would-be investors, to contribute to the 10,000 survivors who suffered torture and brutality in Japanese death camps during the last war.

Jeremy Hanley, the Foreign Office minister, insisted that Britain had "not closed the book" on the campaign to obtain compensation from Japan.

Heavy cross-party pressure in the Commons prompted Mr Hanley to agree with MPs' calls for Japanese firms to contribute towards a compensation fund for those who were used as slave labour for Japanese companies. Mr Hanley told the Commons: "I would willingly encourage any new initiative to encourage Japanese companies to help in this way." Campaigners are pressing for payments of £13,500 for each of the 10,000 survivors.

However, the renewed pressure comes less than two years after John Major wrote to the Japanese Prime Minister to register concern after Japanese industry refused to contribute towards a charitable foundation to help former PoWs. The Foreign Office abandoned the scheme after Sir Kit McMahon, former deputy governor of the Bank of England, travelled to Japan to urge business support.

Senior Government figures admitted last night that the prospect of widespread support was unlikely but emphasised that Mr Major was taking a keen interest in the issue. Initial reaction from Japanese companies indicated that they did not consider themselves responsible for the war-time actions of firms that no longer exist.

Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, joined calls for a renewed campaign by the Government, saying that the Japanieses had not gone far enough to repair past damage. "The Prime Minister doesn't regard it as enough. There has been some progress but I don't feel that this has been enough. It needs to be followed by more substantial action.

"I know the difficulties of finding a way. But as a strong friend and supporter of modern Japan, I believe the search, and it now is an urgent search, for a way for more substantial action needs to continue. There is this bar from the past — a past that is terrible beyond telling for the people who lived through it."

Mr Hanley acknowledged that the Government was constrained in its campaign by the 1951 Treaty of San Francisco which formally brought peace and under which the Japanese government paid compensation to British POWs. Each former POW was paid £72.50 — almost £1,000 today — plus a further £3 for those who worked on the Burma Railway, and officials say that any re-opening of the compensation debate would initiate a flood of claims from literally millions of Chinese, Koreans and Taiwanese. Like their Korean and Chinese counterparts Britons were compelled to work in coal mines and shipyards throughout the then Japanese empire.

Almost all the Japanese companies now trading in Britain were formed post-war and argue that they are making a bigger contribution by creating employment.

British soldiers freed from camps in Burma in May 1945

Rebel list poses threat to Tories' currency pledge

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

TORY Euro-sceptics are canvassing a plan that would challenge the party's election manifesto pledge to leave open the options on a single currency.

The idea of publishing a rebel list of MPs and candidates committed to voting against single currency entry was gaining ground at Westminster yesterday as ministers and MPs continued to voice dismay over John Major's decision to rule out any change of policy up to and during the election.

A new poll suggested yesterday that a big majority of voters would vote against a single currency if a referendum were held now.

The aim of the rebel plan would be to make plain to voters, even if the manifesto did not, that a Conservative government would be unable to take Britain into a single currency even if the Cabinet decided in the next Parliament that it would be right to go in. It would be evidence of a "blocking majority" on the Conservative backbenches.

Although the list would be proof of a split party, and would provide valuable ammunition to Labour, some sceptics believe it is the only way of getting across the message that the Conservative Party generally is opposed to a single currency.

The move would amount to open defiance of the Government line. "Some us believe that the time has come to take the law into our own hands," a prominent MP said last night.

At a meeting of Euro-sceptics on Tuesday night, soon after Mr Major followed Michael Heseltine in ruling out a policy U-turn, one MP after another were reported to have claimed that the Prime Minister had thrown away one of the few remaining Tory cards for winning the election.

Mr Major himself was tackled head-on by a group of MPs when he visited the Commons tea-room shortly after his declaration.

The issue is certain to resurface next week when the Commons holds a two-day debate on Europe. Last night Labour was trying to ensure that the motion taking note of the single currency preparation documents that caused a furore two weeks ago should be voted on at the end of the debate.

The MORI poll for *The European* suggested yesterday that 64 per cent of electors would vote against participation in a single currency if a referendum were held now. The survey also showed that 54 per cent of voters wanted a referendum on whether Britain should stay in the EU.

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Supplies of blood at lowest ever

Hospitals in London and t[illegible] South-East were told to [illegible]strict their use of blood transfusions because supplies have fallen to their lowest level ever. Dr Mary Brennan, director of donor services for the area from Norwich to Brighton, said stocks were down to half a day's supply on Tuesday and seven-tenths yesterday. Supplies of O-positive, the most common group, were down to 795 units compared with a normal level of 1,500 units. Blood stocks traditionally fall by up to 30 per cent over Christmas but this year a fall of that size could trigger difficulties. New donors can phone 0181 672 2222 to enrol.

Blair promises to act for homeless

Tony Blair pledged to reverse a key element of the 1996 Housing Act that removed obligation on local councils to provide permanent accommodation to homeless families. It *would* be changed if Labour was elected.

In a speech for Shelter's 30th anniversary he said: "It will simply force more people into the revolving door of bed and breakfast and other unsuitable accommodation."

Top Flat jockey goes missing

Ray Cochrane, 39, a leading Flat jockey, has been missing from his home for ten days after packing a bag with clothes and his racing gear and leaving his home in Swaffham Prior, Cambridgeshire in his C registration Volvo 740 estate car.

His wife Anne reported him missing when he failed to return. However, she asked that no public appeal be made to trace him.

School security to be tightened

Ministers agreed to make it easier to close public rights of way through school grounds if governors believed pupils were at risk. Concerned by recent attacks, Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, pledged to make £66 million available for improved security, including measures to give police greater powers of arrest by tightening the law on intruders in schools.

Lawyers to help end divorce wars

Some 1,000 divorce lawyers are to be recruited and offered training in mediation under an initiative backed by the Lord Chancellor to end divorce as a legal battleground. The initiative, launched jointly by Relate, the counselling agency, and the National Solicitors' Network, an association of 250 law firms, seeks to promote a culture of conciliation in line with the Government's divorce reforms.

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Howard urges applicants to declare Masonic links

By Valerie Elliott
Whitehall Editor

THE Home Secretary has asked potential members of the new Criminal Cases Review Authority to declare whether they are Freemasons.

The move reflects government embarrassment earlier this year when it was disclosed that Sir Frederick Crawford, the chairman of the new authority, was a Royal Arch Freemason.

The practice is almost certain to be applied to other sensitive appointments in future. The Home Office shift in policy was disclosed yesterday during a hearing of the Commons public services committee.

Last night the Home Office confirmed that it had asked applicants to identify any conflicts of interest that could arise with membership of the new authority. Mr Howard wants to appoint a further 11 members and recruit a staff of 60 for the new body to review miscarriages of justice. It will be set up in the new year.

A note sent to applicants before they completed their forms reads: "It is essential that in discharging its responsibilities the commission should have the full confidence of the public. Accordingly, all those who are being considered for appointment to the commission are asked to indicate whether there is anything in their background or previous experience, professional or personal (including membership of the Freemasons or any similar organisation), which, were it to become known, might affect public confidence in their ability to carry out their tasks as a member of the commission."

The change was disclosed by John Gunnell, Labour MP for Leeds South and Morley. He asked Sir Len Peach, the Public Appointments Commissioner, giving evidence before the committee yesterday, to give his views on such vetting. Sir Len, a former chairman of the Police Complaints Authority, said he did not believe Freemasons should be disqualified from public office, but said it was important to know about such links to ensure there were no conflicts of interest.

His views complement the Home Office note, which states: "The making of such a declaration will not in itself be a bar to appointment. This is simply information which ministers will wish to be aware of when considering candidates." He said he had discussed the matter with Richard Wilson, Permanent Secretary at the Home Office, after the controversy over Sir Frederick's appointment.

Sir Len said he did not believe, however, that conflicts of interest should be listed in any formalised way. It was equally important, for example, to know if they were any potential conflicts between the role of a husband and wife.

The Commons Home Affairs Select Committee is to examine the extent of Freemasonry in the police and the judiciary in the new year.

Sir Len also told MPs that he intended to study appointments in which ministers recommended individuals, to ensure they were not getting preferential consideration.

Senior police officers last night voted to boycott plans to set up a register of Freemasons in the force. The national executive of the Police Superintendents' Association will join the Police Federation, representing more than 100,000 junior officers, in opposing the creation of the register, announced in October by the Association of Chief Police Officers.

Secret cormorant cull

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the RSPB disputed claims that the cormorant was devastating fish stocks. He said the society would consider its position when a three-year study of the birds ends in 1998. The ministry-funded study is also looking at ways of scaring off cormorants with birds of prey or laser guns that shine beams of light.

Julian Petifer, the broadcaster who is both president of the RSPB and an angler, condemned the *Angling Times*, saying the cormorant had the right to share the resources of Britain's rivers and lakes. "What they have published is absolutely disgraceful. They really should not encourage people to break the law. You have to be used to the idea that you share the river with a lot of other animals."

Mr Petifer was backed by Alan Clark, the former defence minister who referred in his *Diaries* to his sadness at having to shoot a heron. "The cormorant is a protected bird," he said. "You can't shoot a protected bird to make your hobby more congenial. Their motives are purely to protect their status of predator against others. They feel someone like the cormorant doing it better than they do should not be allowed to."

But Richard Lee, news editor of the magazine, defended its stance, saying: "So what? It's time to take the gloves off to save our sport. Cormorants do devastate fisheries. They are wiping out water after water."

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Weapon used to wound infant schoolchildren was inscribed with references to the Devil

Machete attacker 'likened himself to mass killers'

By Richard Duce

A MACHETE-WIELDING attacker likened himself to the killers Thomas Hamilton and Michael Bryant after he ran amok in a class of nursery children as they enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic, a jury was told yesterday.

Horrett Campbell, 33, injured three children and four adults as he slashed out with the two-foot long blade on which he had inscribed "666 marks the devil".

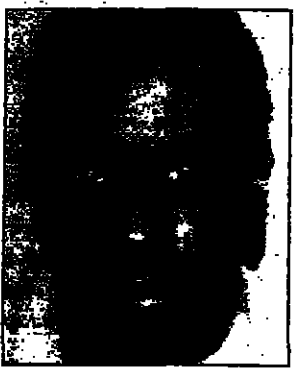
But for the bravery of nursery teacher Lisa Potts, 21, who helped terrified children get back inside school while being attacked by Campbell, "this tragedy could have been so much worse", Richard Wakerley, QC, for the prosecution, told Stafford Crown Court.

Campbell, who lived in a tower block overlooking St Luke's infants school in Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, denies seven charges of attempted murder. He has admitted six charges of causing grievous bodily harm and one of attempted grievous bodily harm. Mr Wakerley said that police who searched Campbell's flat found two newspaper cuttings on his bedroom wall, one about Michael Bryant, who killed 35 people in Tasmania, and the other about Thomas Hamilton, the Dunblane killer. A heart and a cupid's arrow were drawn by the picture of Michael Bryant.

Mr Wakerley said it appeared to be a copycat crime. Campbell told police they, like him, had been wrongly criticised by society. Campbell also allegedly said he embarked on the attack because young children had jeered at him when he walked past.

His response was to enter the school grounds where he "attacked three young children who were aged three or four, three mothers who were outside the school simply waiting for their children to come out and a nursery nurse employed at the school.

"The attack was indiscriminate. He struck the seven of them mainly about the head, face and upper body, some more than once and some when they were on the ground having been hit. You will not be surprised to learn that most sustained really severe injuries. Fortunately, all of them survived, but the prosecution say that at the time he intended to kill."


Campbell: kept cuttings on Thomas Hamilton

The injured were: Ahmed Malek, three; Rhena Kaur-Chopra and Francesca Quintyne, both four; Rhena's mother, Surinder Kaur-Chopra; Azra Rafiq, a parent; Wendy Willington, 29; and Miss Potts.

Mr Wakerley said 20 children had gathered in the school grounds for the picnic, with parents arriving to collect them at 3pm. At 3.10 pm Campbell left his flat carrying a light bag which held a machete, another large knife and a washing-up liquid bottle containing petrol. There were also two bars with sponges attached which could be used as "a sort of fire bomb". He had also donned a deerstalker hat with Iron Crosses drawn on it, giving it the appearance of a German helmet.

On one side of the machete was written the words "You filthy devil" and "666 marks the devil", and on the other side "666. Horns. Devil".

Taking the machete, he went up to Azra Rafiq and Surinder Kaur-Chopra, and struck them on the head from behind. Mrs Rafiq suffered a two-and-a-half inch cut along the scalp and Mrs Kaur-Chopra blacked out but was not badly injured. He then ran towards another mother, Wendy Willington, who was waiting with her young child. She suffered serious head injuries as she threw herself to protect her son, Antonio.

Miss Potts was trying to get children to the safety of the school building as Campbell stepped over the fence towards her, striking Ahmed Malik and leaving him with deep cuts to the arm and head. He also struck out at Rhena Kaur-Chopra, slicing her across the side of her face.

As Miss Potts tried to bring children inside, Campbell struck out at Francesca Quintyne, cutting off part of her ear and breaking her jaw.

In interviews, Campbell allegedly told police he feared being prosecuted for driving while disqualified and added: "If I get sent down for that I am going to go to prison for something worthwhile.

"I just wanted to hurt them. I thought I would hurt them pretty badly depending where they were hit."

The case continues.

DAVID JONES/PA

Lisa Potts arriving at court. The judge praised her bravery in defending children

Terrified children hid under nurse's skirt

By Richard Duce

LISA POTTS, the nursery nurse who came face to face with Horrett Campbell as he lashed out with a machete, decribed yesterday how terrified children clung to her as she tried to lead them to safety.

Miss Potts, 21, agreed to take hold of the blood-stained weapon to demonstrate how Campbell used an overarm cutting motion when striking the face of a four-year-old girl. After describing Campbell's attack on parents outside the school, Miss Potts told the jury that he came towards her with his "lips drawn back in an evil grimace.

"I was trying to gather the children up. It was crazy from then on. Some were holding on to my skirt and some of them went underneath. They were hiding with fright. I started running, with the children to try to get into the nursery door but before I knew it the man was in front of me and came at me with the machete.

"I put up my arm to protect my face and he lashed out at me. As I started to run in with lots of children around me, he lashed out at one of them, straight across the face, I got inside the nursery and dropped the children, and as I went to shut the door his foot was in it and he was inside.

"I pushed one of the children into the dressing-up area behind the door and put my arms around the others in front of me as he attacked me again. He started attacking my back. I think he hit me twice.

"I ran around the side of the water tray in the nursery and I then felt the blow on the head. That's the one I felt the most."

The child victims: from left, Rhena Chopra, Ahmed Malek and Francesca Quintyne

She said that Campbell had used blows of "great force" as he lashed out at the children. It was only when the children had reached safety that she realised she was covered in blood. The court was told that she had suffered a 6cm cut to her head which had broken bone from her skull. Cuts to her back went down to her ribcage and the tendons in her arm and hands had been severed.

Holding the wooden handle of the machete, using a plastic glove, Miss Potts demonstrated the overarm slashing movement that Campbell used on Francesca Quintyne's face. The girl suffered a broken jaw and lost her lower ear lobe.

At the end of her evidence, Mr Justice Sedley thanked Miss Potts and paid tribute to her courage. "Your conduct was very brave indeed. I am sure you would say it was no more than any teacher or nursery nurse would have done. You may well be right. If so, it is a tribute to that profession which it well deserves.

"The real tribute is deserved by you. You acted with great unselfishness and I want that to be acknowledged."

Man lost an eye in fight over wife

By Paul Wilkinson

WHEN two middle-aged pillars of society brawled in public over a woman — "an ancient story in the history of mankind" — one was hit so hard that he was blinded in one eye, a court was told yesterday.

The altercation, on the streets of the North Yorkshire spa town of Harrogate in September last year, was between the woman's lover, a magistrate, and her husband, a senior civil servant. The husband, Stephen John Coles, 48, denies causing grievous bodily harm to Tim Burrell, 49, outside the home Mr Burrell had bought for Jill Coles, 42.

Andrew Clarkson, for the prosecution, told York Crown Court that Mr Burrell's right eye was burst open by a single punch. Surgeons inserted 46 stitches but were unable to save his sight.

Mr Clarkson said: "This is an ancient story in the history of mankind and involves a matrimonial breakdown. It is not uncommon."

The case continues.

Police seize guns from campaigner

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

THE leader of a gun lobby group last night accused police of harassment after they seized all 200 weapons and 20,000 rounds of ammunition from his firearms business.

Police revoked licences for Richard Law to hold firearms and shotguns or to deal in firearms during the raid at his firing range at Llwyn-drain, Pembrokeshire, which has Home Office approval. Mr Law, 44, national secretary of the Shooters' Rights Association, said: "It does rather smack of harassment. This is an attempt to break the gun lobby.

"There is a connection that this happened the day before the report stage of the firearms Bill. We went through exactly the same process at almost exactly the same stage in the last Bill. Without the tools of my trade, I have signed on the dole."

Among the weapons seized were pistols, rifles, shotguns, antique guns and swords. Mr Law said that a computer and files were also removed. The premises were searched by 24 officers on Tuesday and he was arrested three hours later in connection with another incident. He was released on bail to return to his local police station on February 10.

Dyfed Powys police confirmed a raid had taken place. They added: "As a result, a number of firearms and dealer-related certificates connected with the premises have been revoked and all weapons and ammunition at the premises have been removed by the police.

"As a result of the police action, a 44-year-old man has been arrested and was detained at Carmarthen police station in relation to a number of firearms-related matters". A spokesman denied there was a campaign against Mr Law.

☐ An attempt by Tory backbenchers to widen compensation provided by the Firearms (Amendment) Bill was defeated in the Commons last night. Their call for dealers and clubs to receive compensation after the partial ban on handguns, in addition to gun owners, was defeated by 299 votes to 113.

Poll backs traditional male ride

By Shirley English

TRADITIONALISTS in the Borders town of Hawick were heading for victory yesterday in a poll over whether to keep its Common Riding celebration all-male, amid claims of dirty tricks and a rigged referendum.

Supporters of two women who were refused permission to take part in the commemoration of a 1514 victory over the English have boycotted the poll, claiming the question, set by the all-male committee, was heavily loaded against them.

They said the women, Mandy Graham, 21, and Ashley Simpson, 23, had asked permission to join only three of the 16 ride-outs which dominate town life during June. But the question asked whether women should be allowed to join all of them.

Whatever the result, the women, backed by the Lady Riders' Association and the Equal Opportunities Commission, are suing the members of the Common Riding Committee, which organises the event, for sexual discrimination.

Quiz team universally challenged

By Carol Midgley

IT WAS enough to make even Jeremy Paxman attempt a show of compassion: four bright students lined up on University Challenge for total humiliation.

In the swots' corner was the Manchester University team, captained by Stephen Pearson, a trivia whiz-kid. In the dunces' corner was Birkbeck College, who proceeded to suffer the worst defeat since the BBC show began in 1962. Birkbeck could scrape only 40 points to Manchester's 360.

Their trouncing moved Paxman to say last night: "I just felt so sorry for them, poor things. I kept peeling back the cards desperate for a question they could answer, but they couldn't. It was awful. They never got into their stride but they were up against a team captain who obviously reads a dictionary in bed." Paxman was not even able to console the losers in the Green Room afterwards. "They sloped off without coming for a drink, I'm afraid," he said.

Paxman: "I just felt so sorry for them"

Yesterday, as the team attempted to live down their shame, Lady Blackstone, the Master of Birkbeck College, in London, appeared to make matters worse by releasing a statement saying the defeat did not reflect on other students. "I am very sorry that the Birkbeck team did not do very well but it is no reflection on the extraordinarily able and highly motivated students who study here," she said.

David Allen, 43, Birkbeck's team captain and a maths, statistics and computer student, said from his home in Mitcham, south London: "The other team were unbelievably fast. People were missing questions they later said they could have answered. But they were shell-shocked. It was a pretty horrible experience to go through."

Mr Allen, who is a trade union worker, said he had selected the team through the student union but, because of pressing deadlines, took the first students who responded to posters placed around the college.

During the quiz, which was shown on Tuesday evening, Mr Allen had appeared speechless as Manchester repeatedly cut in to answer questions correctly. Mr Paxman only managed to say "What's the adjective that links September 16, 1992 ..." before the Manchester captain leapt in with "black", as in Black Monday, or Black Wednesday.

When Birkbeck finally answered a question correctly there was a cry of relief from the audience.

A BBC source suggested that, because Birkbeck's team was made up of mature students, they had slower responses. However, Birkbeck had performed well in preliminary rounds and were ranked among the 24 best teams in the country.

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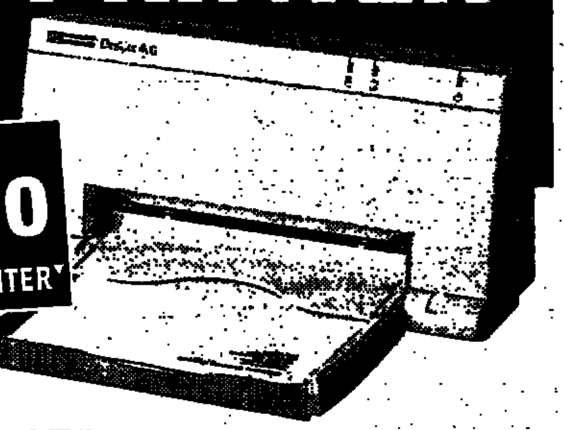

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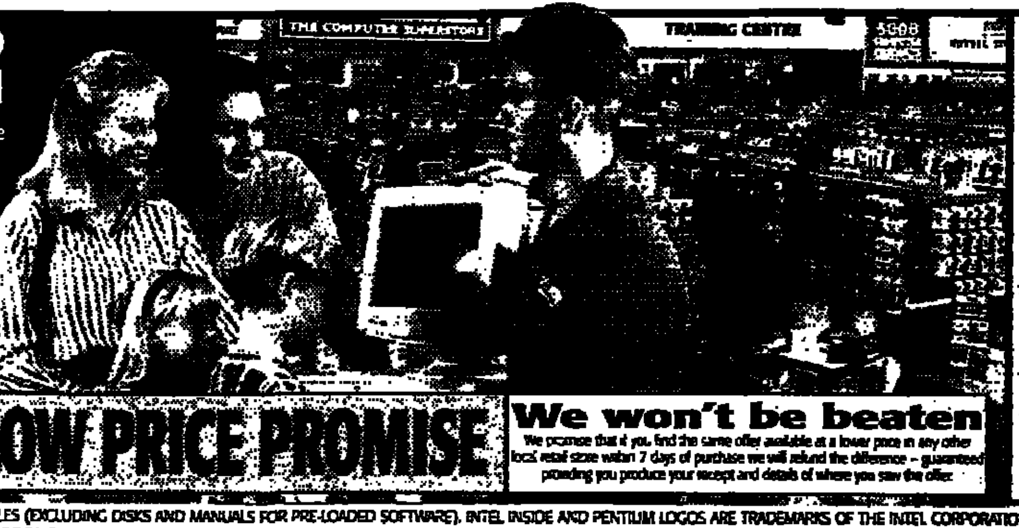

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Office party cases promise lawyers a happy new year

By Damian Whitworth

TOO much Christmas party spirit in the office will lead to acrimonious disputes in the new year, say lawyers. They expect a growing number of employees to be disciplined for riotous behaviour at company celebrations and then in turn to sue their employers.

The warning comes as a survey of managers shows that more companies are planning expensive celebrations than at any time since the 1980s. In the last such survey in 1994, more than half the respondents said their parties would be less imaginative than in the 1980s, 56 per cent said less money would be spent and 45 per cent said they would be less intoxicated.

This year 44 per cent told Reed Personnel Services that their celebrations would be more expensive, with 35 per cent planning more imaginative occasions and 40 per cent set on getting drunker than they did in the 1980s.

Martin Hopkins, head of the employment law division at the Birmingham branch of the solicitors Eversheds, said the firm was expecting an increase in cases arising from office parties. "If you put your employees in a confined space and add huge quantities of free booze, you are asking for trouble. Employers are only just beginning to wake up to the fact that Christmas parties are an accident waiting to happen for everybody." Mr Hopkins expects his firm alone to handle between 50 and 70 such cases next year as public awareness of the legal processes grows.

A junior female employee at a small engineering firm brought a claim for constructive dismissal when she resigned after being caught with a senior member of the company having intercourse on the bonnet of his car. She settled out of court for a five-figure sum.

A couple discovered having sex under a table at an office party were dismissed but the woman said she had not been a willing party to the misdemeanour and claimed unfair dismissal. She withdrew her claim after solicitors gathered witness statements that contradicted her.

The settings for such indiscretions are becoming more imaginative, as companies spend up to £50,000 for parties at novel venues which make the traditional charms of the Natural History Museum or the National Portrait Gallery look a little sober.

"We have almost doubled the number of parties we did last year," said Caroline Armstrong-Jones, who with her husband Peregrine, Lord Snowdon's half-brother, runs Bentley's Entertainments, catering for corporate and private parties. "We are looking for new venues all the time because clients want something innovative." Her search this year has extended to the Whitechapel Gallery in the East End of London.

Increasing numbers of companies are having giant themed parties. A firm can hire a whole venue or share it with others. Planit Events' nightly Venetian Masquerade, including dodgem cars and funfair rides, at Spitalfields market in London, is fully booked.

Drugs campaign warns: don't mix it

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THE first campaign to warn young clubgoers of the dangers of mixing drugs at Christmas parties is launched today. If it increases telephone inquiries to the National Drugs Helpline, the Health Education Authority campaign could become an annual event, like the seasonal blitz on drinking and driving.

The authority denies it is encouraging the use of Ecstasy, LSD and speed with advertisements that spell out the risks of mixing drugs. Officials believe that, as the majority of people in their early twenties have taken a drug, providing information is better than telling them to stop.

"People are more likely to take drugs at Christmas, especially if they have had a drink, because their inhibitions are lowered," a spokesman for the authority said. "They are more likely to experiment, whereas if they were sober they would steer clear."

The advertisements appear in the glossy magazines *The Face*, *DJ Magazine*, *iD*, *Muzik* and *MixMag*. There will also be postcards available at bars, clubs and shops, and radio advertisements.

The publicity is an extension of the successful Know The Score campaign launched in February, which has produced 1,000 calls a day to the 24-hour helpline. Many of the callers are friends and parents, as well as drug users.

The magazine advertisements show a girl with parts of her body cut away to reveal the internal organs that can be harmed by mixing drugs. They warn, for example, that a mixture of alcohol and Ecstasy can cause dehydration. "To combat this, sip about a pint of non-alcoholic liquid an hour to replace lost fluids. Include fruit juices and energy drinks to keep sodium levels up. Remember to chill out."

The authority is responding to a survey last year which found that 60 per cent of people between 20 and 22 had used a drug. Among recent users, 66 per cent had used a combination of substances.

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Support group: from left to right, Collins, Jaffe, Taylor Bradford, Goldsmith, Jong, Rivers, Friday, Janowitz and a cut-out Princess

Novelists see Princess romancing the throne

From Quentin Letts
in New York

DIANA, Princess of Wales, should go to Mongolia, smear herself in yak butter and find a chieftain who is good with camels — just one of the more lubricious sequels plotted by leading "romance" writers when they gathered in a smart New York club to propound their visions of the Princess's future.

Plagiarism — and ageism, in the authors' stretching facelifts — was never far away. Tama Janowitz, who wrote *Slaves of New York* and proposed the Mongolian adventure, was surely borrowing from Paul Bowles's *The Sheltering Sky*.

Olivia Goldsmith, of *The First Wives' Club* fame, said she would have the Princess take up a $60 million (£36 million)-a-year career as a chat-show host on American television (the figure is not entirely unrealistic). "She could rival Oprah Winfrey," she said. Barbara Taylor Bradford ruled out remarriage: "I would have her wait for Prince William to ascend the throne, when she could take her revenge and he could give her back her HRH."

The sex chronicler Nancy Friday thought the Princess might find a new man — possibly the billionaire Bill Gates — on the Internet, while Jackie Collins, of Hollywood and the Home Counties, proposed: "She should take a female lover and wait for her son to become king." Erica Jong (*Fear of Flying*) opted for the "fireworks" of her meeting "a potent man". The feminist in her added: "That's the problem with men — they're all impotent."

The women agreed on one thing: the Princess's salvation coming from Prince William. "The only one you can trust — your son," they sighed, a chorus in search of a happy ending.

Probation for teenage heroin smuggler

From Richard Owen
in Rome

THE trial in Italy of a 17-year-old Briton on heroin smuggling charges was suspended yesterday when the judge ordered her to serve a period of probation. Marianne Platt from Croydon, south London, faces community work or work-study in Italy when the sentence is announced on February 5.

Legal sources said magistrates had concluded that Platt had been manipulated and was not fully aware of the smuggling operation or its serious consequences. Platt, who attended the hearing with her mother, Jackie King, was arrested in June at Caserta, near Naples, with Melanie Jackman, 19, from Brighton.

Jackman is being held on remand in a women's prison in Naples, while Platt is at a penal institution for minors in Rome. They were arrested while meeeting a known smuggler after arriving in Italy on a flight from Istanbul. Police said they were carrying a holdall with a secret compartment containing four kilograms of pure heroin with a street value of nearly £500,000. Jackman told her father that she thought she was carrying money for a man she met on Brighton pier.

Susanna Spaford, for the defence, said Platt should be able to return to a "normal life" once the probation period was completed. "Marianne accepted probation because this way there will be no further consequences for her in her future life."

Platt: trial suspended

Tesco is cream of the puddings

By Robin Young

TESCO'S Christmas pudding makes mincemeat of pricier competition from Harrods and Fortnum & Mason, according to *Which?*, the Consumers' Association magazine.

More than 60 tasters were asked to try 20 puddings. The only homemade recipe was from Delia Smith. It fared poorly despite being inexpensive at £1.09 for 454g (1lb), and the overall verdict was "very stodgy — a dull flavour".

By contrast, the top-scoring Connoisseur Selection with cognac and rum, from Tesco, was judged "fruity, moist, with good flavours of nuts and lots of alcohol". It costs £4.99 for 454g and was, the *Which?* report says, "altogether more luxurious and more traditional" than its rivals.

Six other puddings were rated above average: Marks & Spencer Traditional, £2.99 for 454g; Sainsbury's Rich Fruit, £2.09; Asda Luxury, £3.29; Marks & Spencer Connoisseur, £4.99; Safeway Connoisseur with cognac, £4.39; and Sainsbury's Connoisseur, £4.49. The Harrods Super Luxury pudding was the most costly, at £6.60 for 454g, but was praised only for "good taste of alcohol". Fortnum & Mason's Traditional (£4.95) had a "very unusual taste".

Pregnant McAliskey remanded to men's prison

By Stewart Tendler
crime correspondent

THE pregnant daughter of the former nationalist MP Bernadette McAliskey was refused bail yesterday and remanded as the only woman in a men's high-security prison.

Roisin McAliskey, 25, is facing extradition on charges of attempted murder and possession of explosives linked to an IRA mortar attack on an army base at Osnabrück, Germany, in June.

At Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday, Ronald Bartle, the stipendiary magistrate, rejected a request from Miss McAliskey's lawyer that she be bailed because of her difficult pregnancy and the "shocking" conditions in prison. He remanded her until December 13.

Gareth Peirce, for Miss McAliskey, said that she had been moved from Holloway to Belmarsh prison, where she was in a separate cell behind a cage in a block with 70 men. The cell had been "disgusting" and she had had to clean it herself. During exercise periods she was subjected to humiliating comments.

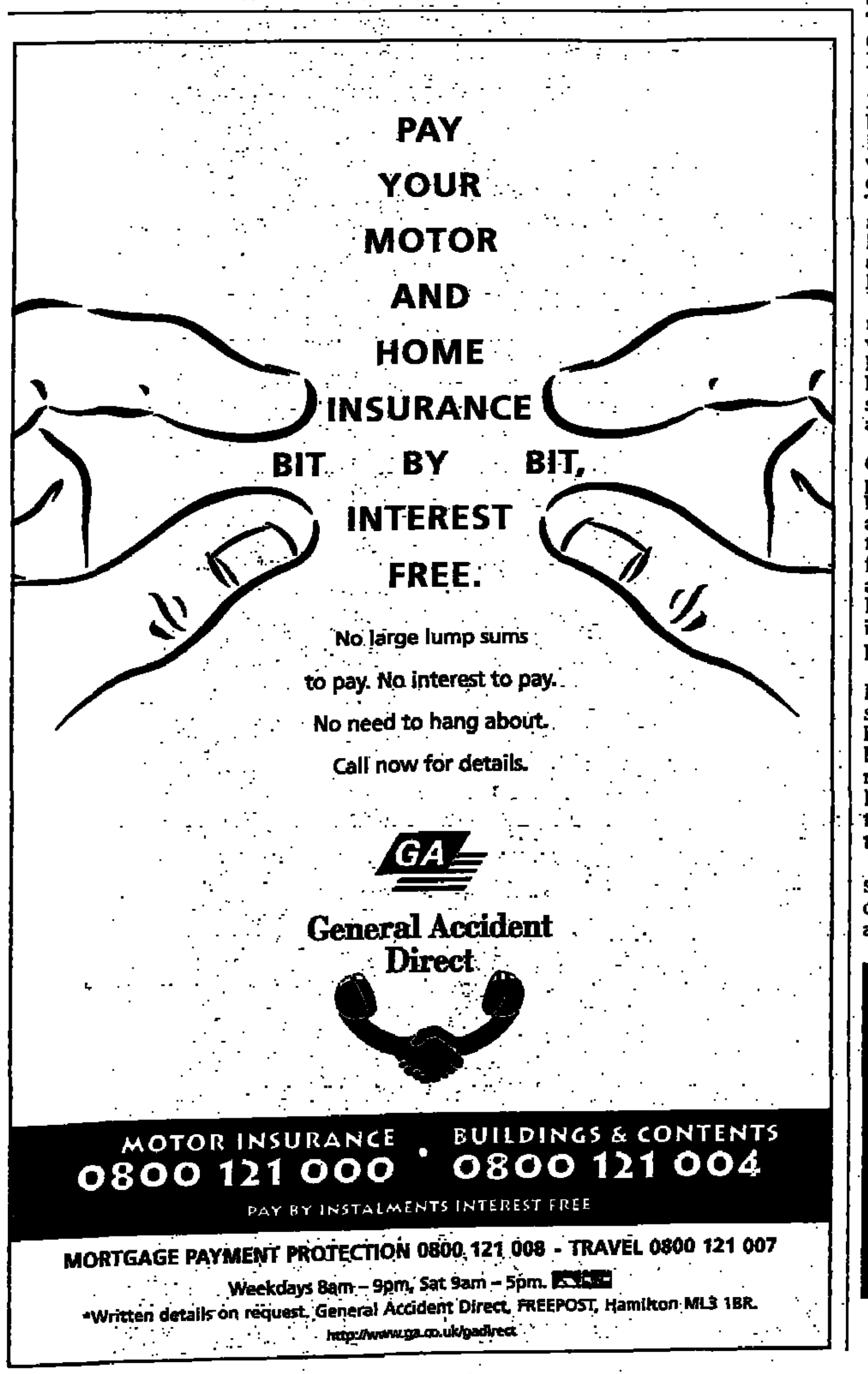
Miss McAliskey, who is 4½ months pregnant, was losing weight but the prison doctor had told her that she could not be sent to hospital, Mrs Peirce said. She had not been given an obstetric examination.

Arvinder Sambei, for the German Government, opposed bail, saying there was a high risk that she would abscond. Miss Sambei said that two of Miss McAliskey's fingerprints had been found at a holiday home rented by an IRA gang. A witness had identified her from a photograph.

Outside court Miss McAliskey's mother said that she had been unable to visit her daughter at Belmarsh because visits for male inmates took precedence. "I have failed to be surprised at the racism and inhumanity of the British state."

A Prison Service spokesman said: "She is in a discreet self-contained area in the prison and she sees a doctor daily."

Bernadette McAliskey outside court yesterday



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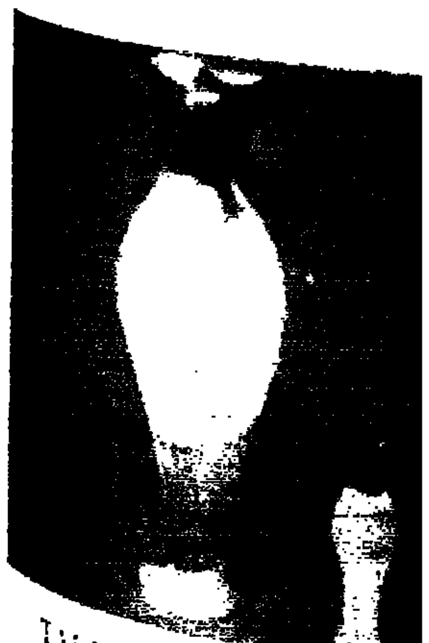

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Mrs Crumpacker lost in space on the 5.50 to Paris

By Alan Hamilton, Jonathan Prynn and Tim Jones

MRS Marvel Crumpacker of Fort Wayne, Indiana, did not entirely grasp the significance of the moment when she and her daughter boarded the Eurostar train for Paris in the predawn dark of Ashford, Kent, yesterday morning.

Midwest Americans are the most delightful of people and the most adventurous of travellers, but they are not always entirely *au fait* with world events beyond their state line. Mrs Crumpacker, 58, and her daughter, Denise Bouwers, 35, had seen Tom Cruise speed through the Channel Tunnel in the climax of *Mission: Impossible* and merely wished to visit Paris by way of this engineering miracle.

Unaware that they had stepped aboard the first passenger train to run through the tunnel since the fire 16 days ago, they were pleasantly shocked to find that, as the only two genuine customers on the 5.50am from Waterloo, they were presented with champagne by a crew which outnumbered them by seven to one.

The only other travellers on a train designed to take 800 were a Eurostar public relations official and 20 journalists, who fell upon the bemused Mrs Crumpacker and her daughter and interviewed them severely.

"I don't feel at all anxious. I am just excited to be going to Paris, and using the Channel Tunnel is part of the excitement. We went to Bruges yesterday by ferry, but that isn't the same," Mrs Crumpacker said. Their moment of history ended when the train stopped at Calais; the passenger complement was doubled when two more customers got on, one an SNCF worker.

Matters had improved somewhat by the next departure, the 7.53, whose 18 genuine passengers at least outnumbered the press contingent. The fare-paying pioneers were rewarded with automatic upgrade to first class, free champagne and a quarter-bottle of beaujolais nouveau, an unlikely candidate for next year's edition of *The Guinness Book of Bribes*.

As the train trundled through the Kent countryside John Townend, the hardline Euro-sceptic Tory MP for Bridlington, on his way to a meeting of European parliamentarians, was tucking into his free plonk with gusto. He *said he had no qualms at all* about catching the train, despite the safety concerns expressed by some of his colleagues. "To be honest, I'm more concerned about bombs on the Paris underground," he said.

As the train slowed to a cautious 60mph for its passage through the tunnel for what the announcer euphemistically described as "essential engineering work", passengers looked in vain for the fire damage. They were passing through the unaffected *north tunnel; the fire occurred* in the south tunnel.

Several passengers had taken the train after hearing on the previous night's television news that passenger services were to be restored. Sharon Haydn, 38, a bank credit risk manager from Kent, had no fears about the journey. "Probably the safest time to go back is the first time after a disaster," she said.

Eurostar claimed yesterday that trains this weekend were already 90 per cent booked, and that only 5 per cent of *bookings had* been *cancelled* because of the fire.

The only incident on the 7.53 was the clinking of glasses, and the only worry was that the drink might run out. The train arrived at Gare du Nord two minutes early. By yesterday afternoon passenger loads were climbing back towards three figures as word got around that the tunnel was back in business.

Eurostar rejected accusations that it was putting profit before safety by resuming passenger services so soon. *Adam Mills, deputy chairman*, said he was satisfied that every safety precaution was in place and that passengers faced no risk. "As a responsible transport operator we would never put profit before passenger safety. If we did so it would be an absolute disaster and there would be no passengers to carry."

His assurances cut no ice with Ken Cameron of the Fire Brigades Union, who said it was "an absolute disgrace" that services had been resumed while damage was still *being repaired. "It reminds* me of when the tunnel first opened. The concerns our members expressed then about safety were ignored."

In an effort to regain passengers from the ferries, Eurostar is planning special offers, including free tickets to Disneyland Paris, and a £69 return fare to Paris compared with the usual cost of more than £150. Mrs Crumpacker and her daughter may yet be tempted to return.

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Marvel Crumpacker and her daughter, Denise, enjoy the splendid isolation of Eurostar's first train yesterday

Tunnel vision: Tom Cruise in *Mission: Impossible*

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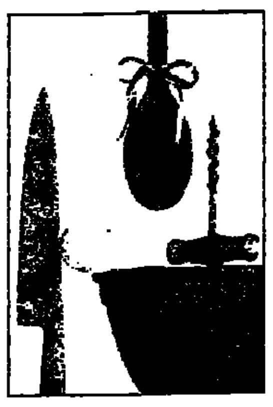

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Nomads use satellites to find grazing

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

THE Bedouin nomads of Saudi Arabia are finding suitable pasture for their flocks with the aid of satellite technology. Two satellites and a video system carried on an aircraft are being used to provide them with the information needed to find sustainable grazing land.

The information is gathered by Saudi Arabia's Meteorology and Environmental Protection Administration. Abdulbar al-Gain, its president, told *New Scientist* that the data allowed nomads "to increase their incomes while at the same time lowering pressure on fragile soils".

The data came from a radiometer on one satellite which provided daily information on ground vegetation, supplemented by pictures taken by the Landsat satellite. A third source was an aircraft fitted with a video camera.

Gallery blows the whistle on Cantona

By Paul Wilkinson

A YOUNG artist given the opportunity of painting the portrait of a maker of British history for the National Portrait Gallery has been told that the Manchester United captain, Eric Cantona, would not be a suitable subject. Instead, James Hague has had to settle for Michael Caine, his second choice.

Last night Tony Banks, the Labour MP, dismissed gallery officials as "out-of-touch fuddy duddies". He has gone so far as to table a Commons motion condemning them.

Mr Hague, who is studying in Paris after completing a course at the University of Northumbria, won the chance to paint the personality of his choice when he beat 800 entrants to take the BP Portrait Award last summer. He also collected a £10,000 prize.

"I am not a football fan but I suggested Eric Cantona because he has such an interesting face, full of character and enigma," he said. "I was a bit taken aback when I was told that they didn't want him and I should choose somebody else."

The gallery has 9,000 portraits dating back to Elizabeth I. Many are of politicians and royalty. A spokeswoman said: "To have your picture hanging in the gallery you have to have been a maker of British history. The trustees are not sure Eric Cantona will turn out to be that." Michael Caine was seen as somebody who had stood the test of time and would remain famous.

Mr Banks, MP for Newham North West, does not agree. His motion says: "The elitist trustees should realise that [Cantona] is a player much admired around the world by large numbers of football supporters. His claim to a place in the National Portrait Gallery is far stronger than the obscure nonentities currently on display."

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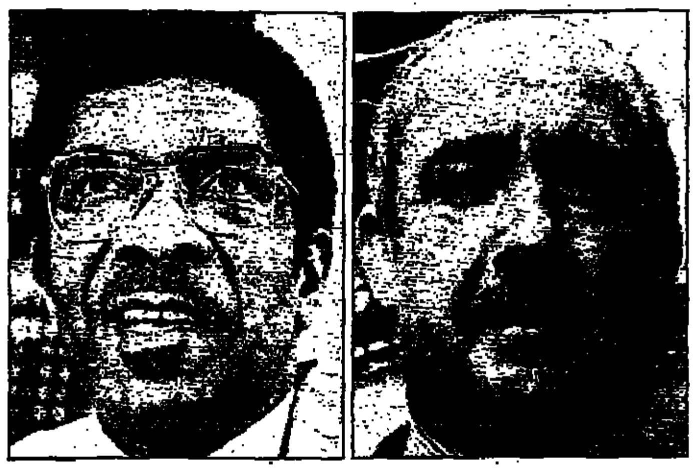
Unions fall out over Ford racism dispute

By Bill Frost and Stephen Farrell

BILL MORRIS, the general secretary of the Transport and General Workers union, yesterday accused the Ford Motor Company and another union of compromising with racism.

At the centre of the dispute are 300 Ford lorry drivers at Dagenham, who are paid £30,000 a year. Two per cent are from ethnic minorities, compared with 40-45 per cent in other sections. The T&G has taken Ford to an industrial tribunal to fight the cases of seven black workers refused jobs in the lorry fleet. Meanwhile, the drivers have dissolved their T&G branch and applied to join the United Road Transport Union.


Bill Morris clashed with union rival David Higginbottom

Mr Morris, speaking on Radio 4's *Today* programme, accused David Higginbottom, leader of the URTU, of "compromising with racism". Mr Higginbottom denied poaching the T&G members. Mr Morris, whose members are in the majority at Dagenham, described Ford as "the villain of the piece . . . putting production before principle".

The drivers deliver Ford parts across Britain and western Europe. In recognition of their importance, they have been allowed considerable influence in the choice of new recruits. Transport House sources alleged that that meant "jobs being passed from father to son, brother, cousin or friend, just like in the bad old days of the docks and the print industry.

"The truck fleet is an example of entrenched, institutionalised racism. The T&G has an obligation to its members and the principles of natural justice to fight that to the bitter end."

Mr Higginbottom said last night that a transcript of the *Today* item was to be played to his union's lawyers. "We are looking at the legal implications of this — we cannot have these allegations repeated."

Last night Mr Morris called on the TUC to intervene in a wrangle "which brought the trade union movement into disrepute, particularly in the eyes of black people". Attempts by Mr Higginbottom's union to recruit his members were a breach of inter-union procedures, he said.

Mr Higginbottom said the lorry drivers' grievances had nothing to do with racism. "Relations between the men and their plant T&G officer have broken down, so they approached us.

"The sad slur made by Mr Morris is totally unfounded. The reason his members are leaving is not to protect a racist system but because they cannot put up with the current situation any longer."

Other union sources at Dagenham — five represent the 6,800 workforce — suggested last night that there was considerable support for the drivers. They also claimed that many rank-and-file members of the T&G were "heartily sick of Mr Morris's obsession with racism".

One convenor, who would not be named, said: "This issue has nothing to do with colour. Some people pass exams and some do not. This is a case of sour grapes which has been whipped up into something far more sinister by the big chiefs at Transport House.

"The reason they [the drivers] want out of the T&G is the problem with their convenor here — he is of the Left and they are not. The truck fleet are the elite, and rightly recognised as such. If they went on strike, Ford's production would stop in a week or less."

Ford said last night: "At the specific request of the industrial tribunal, we are not making any comment. However, we believe we have a very good record on equal opportunities policy and practice."

This is the second time in a year that Ford has been embroiled in allegations of racism. In February the company apologised and paid compensation to four black workers at Dagenham after white faces were superimposed on their bodies in a sales brochure.

The picture was used in its original form in a 1991 brochure illustrating the company's ethnic diversity. The faces of the four assembly line workers disappeared when the photograph was reused for a sales campaign in Poland.

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A delivery lorry leaving the Dagenham plant yesterday

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Plans for new SAS base go on public view

By Russell Jenkins

PLANS showing the layout of a new base for the SAS have been made available to the public through local councils.

The outline plans for the site at Credenhill, six miles from Hereford, were sent as part of an application for planning permission to South Herefordshire District Council, where they can be viewed. They were also sent to to the parish council.

The plans, released by the Ministry of Defence, show the location of the guardroom, secure stores, accommodation blocks and fuel stores. Security fencing is outlined, as well as access and a Naafi.

The publication of the plans was criticised by MPs yesterday. Michael Colvin, chairman of the defence select committee, said: "In the hands of the wrong people, the position of the camp, offices and barracks would be extremely useful." Dr David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said: "It has put the lives of our soldiers at risk. I intend to raise this with Michael Portillo."

The Ministry of Defence said it was routine to submit plans for permission and they had been checked for security implications.

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Student hit by police car on 999 call

A student was critically ill in hospital after she was hit by a police car answering an emergency call. Sarah Morgan, 20, was hit as she hailed a taxi in Greenwich, southeast London, on Tuesday night. The 31-year-old driver has been suspended while an investigation is carried out. The call turned out to be a false alarm.

Juniors attack ref

A referee may need plastic surgery after being kicked in the face by players when he abandoned an under-17 game. Alan Pemberton, 57, was attacked as Farsley Celtic Juniors played Ossett Town Juniors in west Yorkshire.

Church vigil

Churchgoers in Southampton are paying a security guard to look after their cars while they worship. Several cars parked outside Wimpson Methodist Church have been vandalised, broken into and had parts stolen.

Drag net

A 5ft 11in woman from Wales was held for three hours by customs officials in Tennessee who insisted she was a drugs smuggler in drag. Bethan Deverell, 20, was freed only when a criminal using her passport number was held.

Return to sender

A man who left an envelope bearing his name and address at the house he broke into was arrested when he returned to get it. Paul Morris, 18, was sentenced to two years' detention for attempted burglary at Havant, Hampshire.

Police damages

A man whose ankle was broken when a policeman put him in a leg lock was awarded £4,500 damages against Gloucestershire police. A jury at Gloucester County Court found excessive force was used on Dean Jones-Owen, 26.

Coma death

A woman who gave birth to a daughter while in a coma 18 months ago has died in hospital in Swansea. Karen Battenbough, 25, who was pregnant when she was involved in a car crash, never recovered consciousness.

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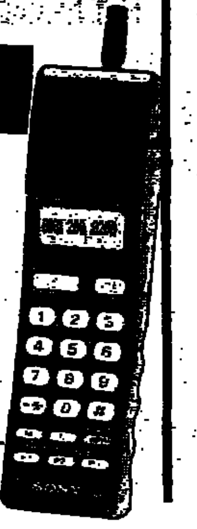

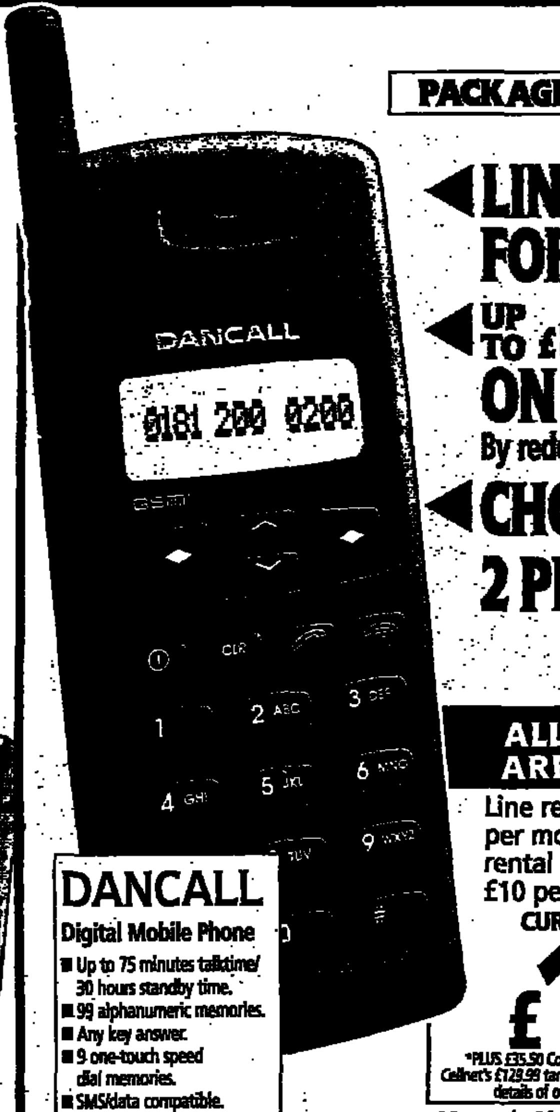

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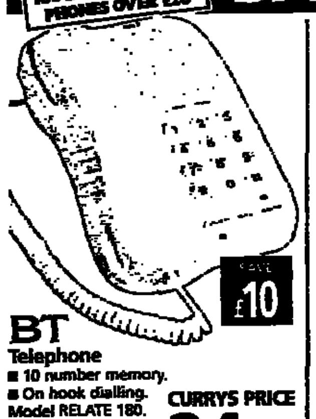

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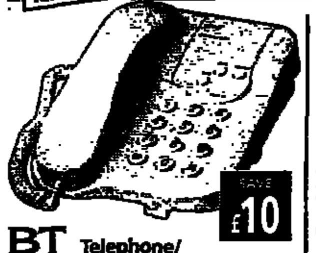

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Bag lady image 'no longer true'

Illness and abuse drive more women into homelessness

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

HOMELESS women are more likely to be educated, married mothers suffering from schizophrenia or depression than elderly alcholics carrying all their possessions in plastic bags, according to a report.

A tide of domestic violence and sexual abuse, coinciding with the closure of mental asylums, has led to an increase in young women on the streets. Women frequently become homeless because of family disputes, violence or abuse, researchers found.

If they are mentally ill, they are often forced to stay on the streets because hostels are reluctant to accept people who are too disruptive. The authors of *Double Exposure*, a study by the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health, said the view of the homeless woman as a "bag lady" was misleading.

"Every homeless woman is an individual. Some accumulate quite a lot of belongings and others don't," said Clare Croft-White, a social researcher. "The range of circumstances of homeless women has widened. We are seeing many more younger women coming on to the streets and women from ethnic minority families and refugees."

Homeless women are more likely than homeless men to have stayed at school, have qualifications and work experience. They tend to have histories of family violence or abusive relationships with men.

The women are more likely than men to have been married, to have children and maintain contact with their families. They are also more likely to have been separated from their parents before the age of 10.

At London hostels, 66 per cent of homeless women are under 21. Between 1981 and 1993, more than 5,000 bed spaces were lost for the homeless in inner London.

Of the 2,500 left, just over a quarter are for women but only 378 are in women-only hostels. Hostels find it hard to cope with mentally ill women. Many such women are reluctant to stay in mixed accommodation because of the high levels of harassment and violence.

One hostel worker told the researchers: "If a woman was anxious, not feeling safe, she could start to be disruptive and, while people accept that others have needs, the most vocal here tend to be males, who are generally less tolerant."

Fewer than a quarter of hostel staff have mental health qualifications and many feared working with women suffering from psychiatric problems, the report said.

How the doomed campaign, which claimed 252,000 Allied lives, was pictured in *The Illustrated London News*

Letter tells of Gallipoli carnage

By Alan Hamilton and John Vincent

A FIRST-HAND account of one of the great disasters of British military history is expected to fetch up to £1,500 when it is auctioned at Sotheby's later this month.

The campaign on the Turkish peninsula of Gallipoli was Winston Churchill's attempt to bring the First World War to an early conclusion by attacking the enemy through the back door. Although the campaign produced much heroism, it claimed 252,000 Allied lives, including 33,000 British.

Staff Surgeon Murray Levick was on board *HMS Baccante*, the Royal Navy ship closest to the action, from which he wrote to his mother in Uckfield, Sussex, of watching helplessly as Allied troops were mown down by enemy fire. "It was rotten to see the poor sodgers getting such an awful time," Levick recorded in the previously unpublished account. "Some of the boats were nearly filled with dead before they got to the shore. They dropped by the hundred and all around the beach was strewn with wounded."

Levick, 39, gave a detailed account of the landings at Gaba Tepe, largely by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, which suffered terrible casualties. "I am writing this in a great din as we are bombarding incessantly. We supported the landing of about 20,000 troops, mostly Australians and New Zealanders.

"They met an awful fire of rifles and machineguns, both on the men and retreating boats. These last returned to the transports, filled up again ... By the time these got to the shore, where they were met by tremendously hot fire, nearly all the first lot had been killed but had held the enemy back ... They were simply raked with fire, and they say the casualties in the first 12 hours were 2,000. We didn't lose a man in the ship, though the howitzer shells were falling all around us.

Levick: he survived the gunfire and died in 1956

"They gradually captured the first hill. The sound of rifle fire and machineguns was the most wonderful I have ever heard — they were simply going off *solid* like being in a hut with a tin roof and a hailstorm coming down on it." The surgeon described constant lines of stretcher-bearers coming down the hillsides to the beach.

Levick, who had been a zoologist and medical officer on the ship taking Captain Scott on his last Antarctic expedition in 1912, survived the war. He was promoted to fleet surgeon and died in 1956, aged 80.

Elephant Man 'had doctors on false trail'

By Nigel Hawkes
Science editor

JOSEPH MERRICK, the Elephant Man, probably did not suffer from the disease named after him.

Merrick's story has inspired books and a film, but there has long been doubt over what was wrong with him. Born in Leicester in 1862, he was so deformed that he covered his face with a veil and once starred in a freak show.

In 1886 he was admitted to the London Hospital in Whitechapel, now the Royal London, where he died in 1890. His skeleton has now been X-rayed to try to pin down the cause of his deformities, *New Scientist* reports.

The conventional explanation is that he suffered from neurofibromatosis, a genetic disorder that causes uncontrolled growth of nerve cells, leading to unsightly tumours beneath the skin. The condition is often called Elephant Man disease.

The alternative diagnosis, says Anita Sharma, a senior registrar at the hospital, is Proteus syndrome, an even rarer disease of which fewer than 100 cases have been diagnosed. Several specialists have suggested its symptoms are closer to those of Merrick.

Dr Sharma said it was caused by a gene defect in which cells grew abnormally: "The results are so varied that the syndrome was named after the Greek god Proteus, who could change his form at will." Dr Sharma and colleagues X-rayed Merrick's skull to study its internal structure and concluded that it fitted more closely with Proteus syndrome than neurofibromatosis.

Irish take to pavements in traffic protest

By Audrey Magee
Ireland correspondent

THOUSANDS of Irish people walked to work yesterday in protest at the Republic's traffic-clogged streets.

The protest was prompted by Pat Kenny, an RTE chat-show host campaigning to reduce rush-hour traffic. Kenny said that he was conducting a "social experiment" to see the effect on traffic if more commuters walked. "It worked," he said. "Many parts of Dublin had free-flowing traffic. Parts of the city that were gridlocked had cars travelling at 35mph. And people enjoyed it."

The Automobile Association described the experiment as laudable, but claimed there was little appreciable fall in traffic levels in Dublin. In Cork and Limerick, where the average distance from the suburbs to the city centre is three miles, traffic was "remarkably light".

The Irish economic boom lies behind the congestion. A sharp rise in car ownership in the past three years has placed the inadequate infastructure under strain. Dublin is often gridlocked with traffic already at levels predicted for 2001.

In reaction the Government introduced a temporary ban on some inner-city meter parking. It is also devising plans for a new public transport system. But debate continues on whether it should be a light-rail system or a more expensive underground scheme.

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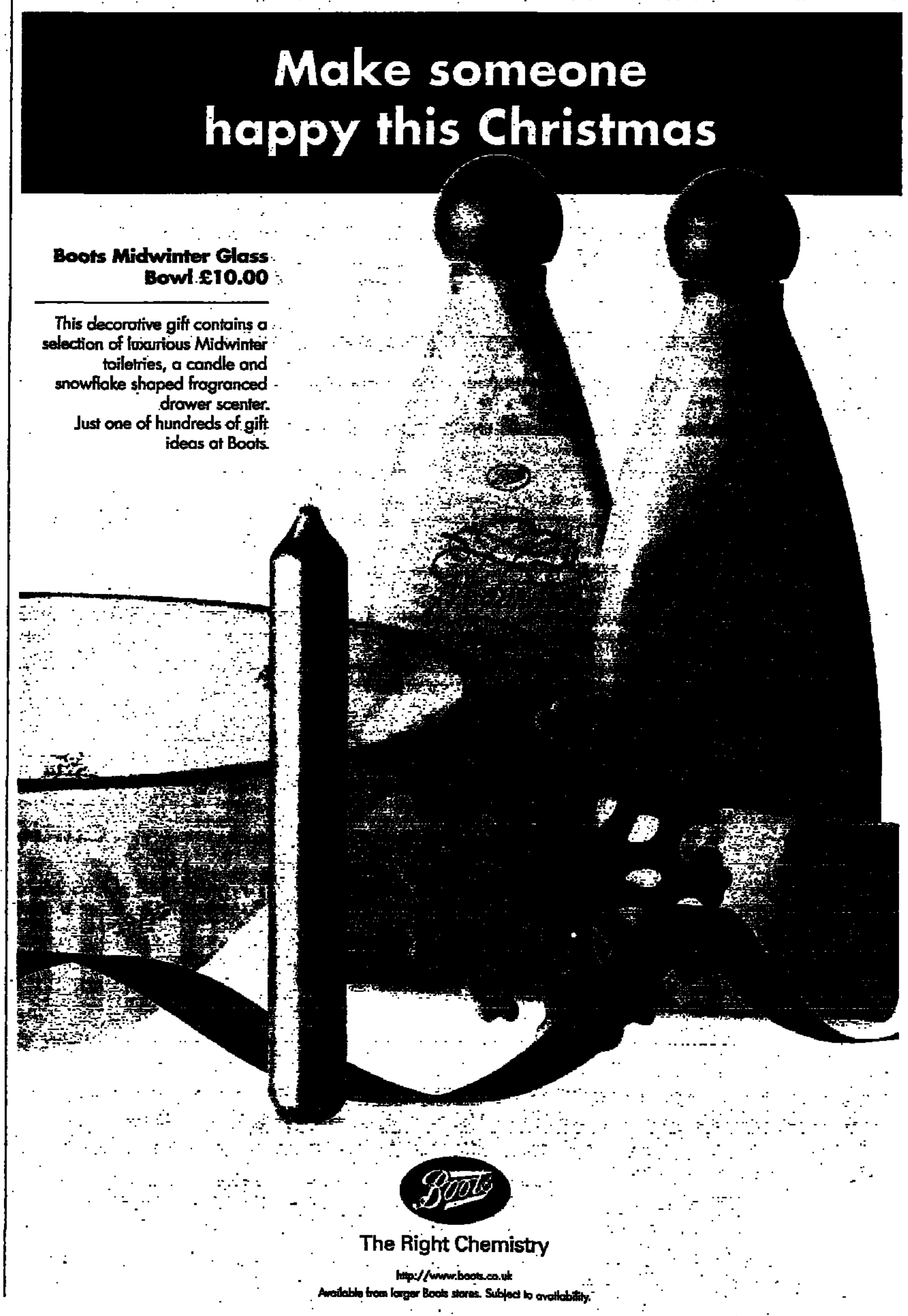

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Lottery regulator urges clampdown on underage sales

By Carol Midgley

CHILDREN will go "undercover" to catch shopkeepers who flout lottery rules under plans for a clampdown on underage gambling announced by Oflot yesterday.

The proposals coincided with the first prosecution of a shopkeeper for underage sales. Naheem Bashir, who was caught when trading standards investigators accompanied a 13-year-old girl to his shop, was fined £500.

As well as "test purchases" by children, the lottery regulator is proposing a telephone hotline for public tip-offs about sales to under-16s. It is drawing up the plans with Camelot, the lottery operator, and trading standards officers.

Peter Davis, Director-General of Oflot, described the existence of habitual young lottery and scratchcard players as disturbing. "I will not tolerate sales to under-16s," he said. "They are illegal and bad for the reputation of the National Lottery and, with the help of responsible parents and the public, I intend to make them bad for retailers who flout the law."

Trading standards officials have complained that Camelot has dropped only three of the 35,000 lottery outlets because of underage sales. Camelot emphasised, however, that it was not a law enforcement agency and could not carry out its own policing.

A survey of 7,200 children aged between 12 and 15 found that up to 15 per cent had spent their own money on the lottery during the previous week. Three per cent were playing two or three times a week.

The survey found that the amount children spent on the lottery had fallen by a third since November 1995. It found, however, that children who frequently bought scratchcards were often involved with alcohol, tobacco, drugs or fruit machines too.

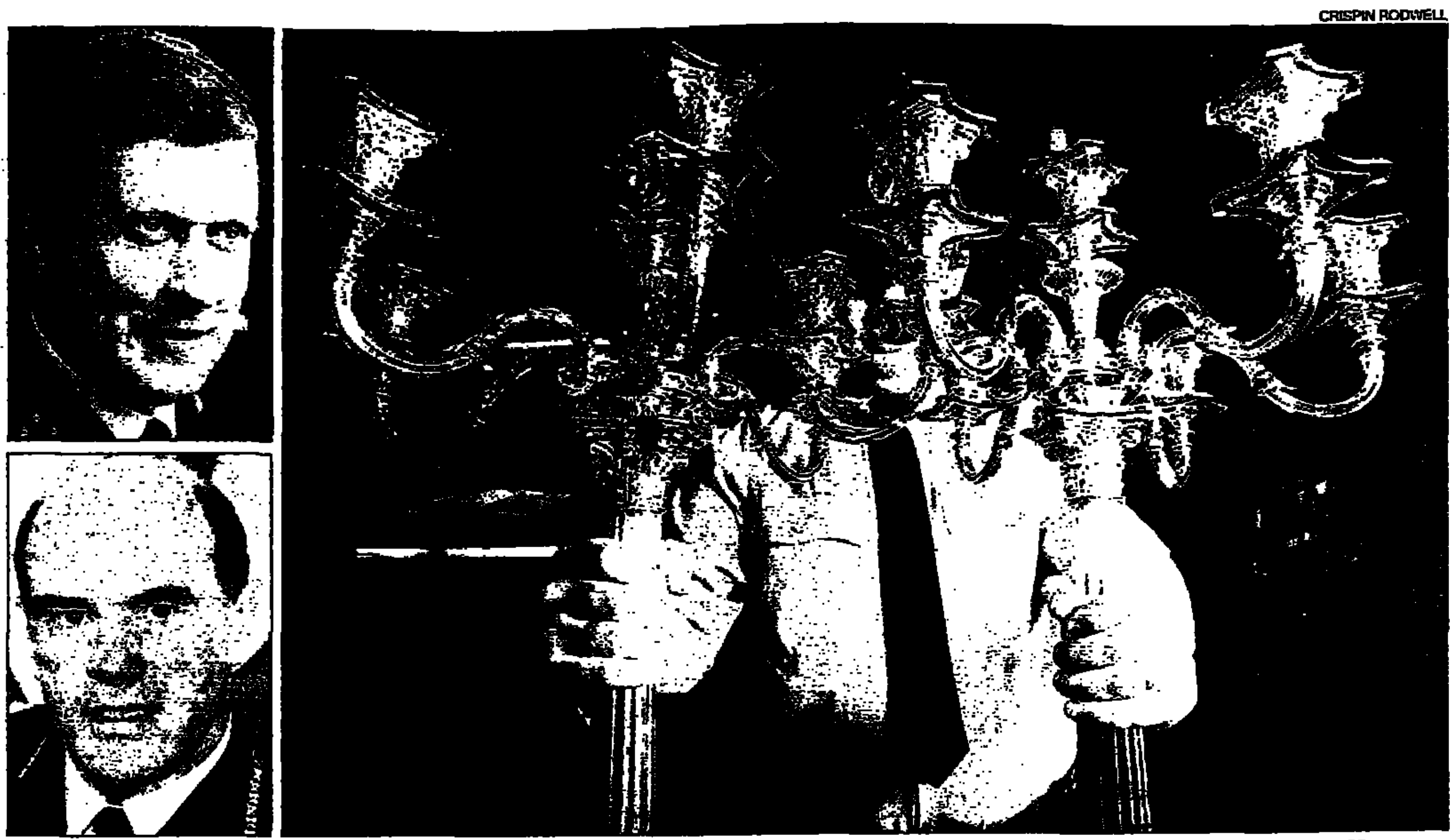
Bashir: fined £500 for sales to schoolgirl

Sue Fisher, of the Faculty of Human Sciences at the University of Plymouth, who conducted the research for Oflot, called for the minimum age for Instants scratchcards to be raised to 18.

Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, welcomed the clampdown. "I hope the publicity will alert a great many adults and parents to the need to police the situation," she said. "Having a family syndicate is pretty harmless, but what children may not do is go into a shop and buy a ticket . . . that's why it's important Oflot insists on further steps.

"It is like drink-driving. It is something that's just not acceptable," she told Talk Radio. "The most important sanction on shopkeepers is withdrawing a terminal, for which they get about £8,000 a year."

The Methodist Church expressed concern about the lax controls that allowed a worrying level of gambling by under-16s. It called for the minimum age for players to be 18, saying: "The National Lottery has been promoted by HM Government to serve a number of good causes, but that activity must not take place at the expense of the young and vulnerable."



CRISPIN RODWELL

Police chiefs Pat Byrne, top, and Ronnie Flanagan who are engaged in a friendly wrangle over the silver candelabra held in Belfast

Possession is all of the law in police rivalry

By Nicholas Watt
Chief Ireland Correspondent

WHEN Dublin's chief of police calls on his counterpart in Belfast, he casts an envious eye over two large silver candelabra prominently displayed in the foyer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary headquarters.

However, Pat Byrne, the Garda Commissioner, is unlikely to secure the silverware for the Republic. Ronnie Flanagan, the RUC Chief Constable, is said to have no intention of breaking the tradition of Sir Hugh Annesley, his predecessor, who used to take great pleasure in pointing out the candelabra to visiting Irish commissioners. Sir Hugh would tease them with the words: "They're ours and you're not having them."

The candelabra used to form the centrepiece of the officers' mess at the old Royal Irish Constabulary headquarters in Dublin and the Irish police want them back. When the force was disbanded at the partition of Ireland in 1922 — to be replaced by the RUC in the North and the Garda Siochana in the South — the silver was among hundreds of items distributed to RIC officers by lot. The candelabra, embossed with the RIC insignia, were passed to the RUC in Belfast by relatives of the officers who secured them in 1922.

On returning south from a recent visit to Belfast, a smiling Mr Byrne told an audience in Dublin: "I saw it and I want it back. At some stage it could be an international incident."

The rivalry between the two forces over the candelabra extends to a friendly competition to secure the other items. The Garda museum in Dublin has an impressive collection of silver spoons with the RIC insignia. Once again, though, the RUC has the upper hand, with a silver snuff box made from the hoof of a horse that saw action at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815.

Newsagent caught after police tip-off

By Paul Wilkinson

THE newsagent fined for underage lottery sales was caught after a girl's stepfather tipped off the police and Camelot.

Naheem Bashir, 34, admitted selling an Instants ticket and a National Lottery draw ticket to the 13-year-old girl. He was charged after two trading standards officers accompanied her to his shop, N&N Newsagents, in Armley, Leeds, and saw her buy the tickets.

Leeds Magistrates' Court was told that the police and Camelot were tipped off by her stepfather after she bought a ticket in March. Bashir, who runs the shop with his brother Nadeem, told trading standards investigators that he believed the girl to be "well over 16". The men said that they were aware of the legal restrictions on ticket sales and that they would check a customer's age if they looked under 16.

Jeremy Young, for Bashir, told the court that the lottery machine and Instants tickets had been removed by Camelot and business was suffering as a result. He presented a petition in support of Bashir, signed by his regular customers, and said that it was often "extremely difficult" to tell how old a teenager was.

"This is not a bad man, but unfortunately he has fallen foul of the situation," Mr Young told the magistrates. "Camelot, for my client's breach, have removed his terminal. One wonders, if Camelot had been prosecuted, what would have been removed from them. This case is a salutary lesson that one can never be too careful."

Bashir, of Roundhay, Leeds, declined to comment after the case. Mr Young said: "He feels unlucky, but somebody was going to be."

The case, which was the first of its kind, was brought by west Yorkshire trading standards officers. Camelot said: "We are delighted that a trading standards department has, for the first time, prosecuted a National Lottery retailer for selling tickets to underage players."

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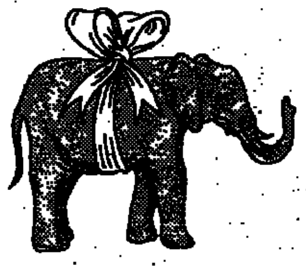

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Cranborne defends honour and value of the Upper House

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Leader of the House of Lords, Viscount Cranborne, yesterday condemned Labour's *plans to abolish the* voting rights of hereditary peers. He said that the party's reforms were ill-considered and would turn the Lords into the greatest quango in the country.

But Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Shadow Lord Chancellor, gave warning that Labour would flood the Lords with life peers if the Tory opposition to *constitutional reform*, including the party's plans for devolution, became too great. Interviewed by the *New Statesman*, Lord Irvine said: "I wouldn't rule it out. If this was a piece with a determination to thwart devolution legislation, then a Labour government would have to look at every weapon at its disposal."

Lord Cranborne, in a speech to the think-tank Politeia, confirmed that in opposition the Tories would not try to overturn Labour's constitutional reforms by ignoring the so-called Salisbury convention, under which peers do not oppose manifesto commitments of an incoming government. But he warned Labour to stick to another equally *important* convention that constitutional reforms should be fully debated by a committee of the whole House of Commons. In effect this would allow the Tories to bog down the legislation with detailed *amendments*.

Lord Cranborne said: "If the electorate and the House of Commons wish to reform us, the Salisbury convention would apply. This means that the House of Lords would not vote against the second reading of a Bill whose principle had been set out in a new government's manifesto."

But he added: "We would still have a constitutional obligation to improve the quality of the legislation by amending it in detail insofar as we think this is justified."

While Labour will see this as a warning not to expect their reforms to get an easy ride in Parliament, Lord Cranborne's remarks will dismay some Tory peers who feel that the Salisbury convention will unnecessarily tie their hands in opposition. Lord Cranborne believes that scrapping the convention, which was proposed in 1945 by his grandfather, the Fifth Marquess of Salisbury, would make the Lords look undemocratic and could increase the pressure for reform.

He said that Labour's "piecemeal" reforms would not improve the constitution but would give greater power to the Lords at the expense of the Commons, challenging the elected chamber's supremacy.

Lord Cranborne also gave *warning against creating a* Lords consisting entirely of appointed life-peers, giving the Prime Minister of the day hugely increased powers of patronage.

He admitted that the "spirit of the age was not instinctively sympathetic" to hereditary peers. "Traditionally the public sees the hereditary peerage as a collection of chinless wonders who live on their broad acres, shooting and hunting anything that moves, weak in arm and weak in the head: rather like me in fact. The reality is rather different."

He said that the number of landowning hereditary peers who attended the Lords was declining, and that active peers increasingly were "not rich", had normal jobs and represented the "common man in Parliament". He denied that the Tories had an automatic majority of those peers who regularly attended. Only half of all hereditary peers were Tory, and even they had a "distressing habit of listening to the argument".

Lord Richard, the Labour leader in the Lords, said: "Our commitment to the reform of the House of Lords remains unshaken, and we will look to the electorate to help us get it through."

Romanticised claims are unconvincing

"WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO CONVEY TO MR BUFFY BLAIR, SIR, THAT REFORM IS A RISKY GAME AND IN THIS CASE DISTINCTLY INADVISABLE"

The House of Commons is the key to reforming the House of Lords. Any reform of the Lords would increase its authority and so challenge the Commons. That is why Lords reform foundered in the late 1960s and it remains the unresolved question about Labour's proposals, as Lord Cranborne, Leader of the Lords, argued in his lecture yesterday. This was delivered, appropriately, at 11 Carlton House Terrace, once a home of Gladstone, the long-time opponent of the 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, the late Victorian Prime Minister and great-great-grandfather of his lordship.

The lecture was one of the most elegant and refreshing from any Cabinet minister for a long time. It had the historical perspective of the Cecil family, together with the pessimistic doubts about democracy of the 3rd Marquess. No other recent Leader of the Lords could have described the House as "like a trusted independent adviser to the headstrong head of a family. The adviser cannot prevent him ruining himself but he can warn and once at least ask him to reconsider."

Lord Cranborne's grandeur and style can be beguiling but his acute insights about the balance of power within Parliament need to be distinguished from his neo-Gothic romanticism about the virtues of hereditary peers. His lordship protested too much about their virtues as amateur politicians in contrast to the admitted dangers of the dominance of the Commons by full-time career politicians. But hereditary peers are not quite the Athenian ideal of democracy, a body chosen by lot, that he would have us believe. They may be accidents of history but they are not a random sample of the population. His claims that the Lords does not have an in-built Tory majority dependent on hereditary peers were unconvincing. The Government is regularly defeated, but most defeats are minor; when it matters, the Tory whips almost always prevail.

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The Cranborne strategy is of studied reasonableness, partly to head off confrontationalists in his own ranks, the heirs, literally, to the diehards of 1910-11. Lord Cranborne does not want to repeat of the long drawn-out battles of that era which decisively curtailed the powers of the Lords. He emphasised the Salisbury/Addison doctrine devised by his grandfather after Labour's landslide victory in 1945 that it would be constitutionally wrong for the Lords to oppose proposals "which have been definitely put before the electorate".

By avoiding such a fight, he reserves the right for the *Lords to act as an independent*-minded revising chamber. He warned against any attempt to take the detailed Commons scrutiny of constitutional measures upstairs in standing committees to avoid clogging up the House with Labour's many proposals for constitutional reform. Lord Cranborne said the convention that the committee stages of such Bills should be on the floor of the Commons was an important safeguard. He linked this to the Salisbury convention on the powers of the Lords, with the implication that if Labour changes the way constitutional matters are considered in the Commons, this will affect their treatment in the Lords.

The paradox of the Lords is that if it uses its power to defy the Commons it makes itself indefensible, while any attempt to make its composition more defensible has so far been unacceptable to the Commons. Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Shadow Lord Chancellor, makes plain in the *New Statesman* today that Labour is determined to abolish hereditary peers and would be prepared to consider the Asquith-Lloyd George threat of 1911 of a mass creation of life peers if the Lords obstructed constitutional reform. The Tories would be better advised to concentrate on questioning Labour's reform proposals than to go to the last ditch in defending hereditary peers. Tony Blair can only win such a peers-versus-the-people battle.

PETER RIDDELL

Blair wins support for code of conduct

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR won the support of Labour MPs last night for a new code of conduct that makes it a disciplinary offence to do anything that "brings the party into disrepute".

Mr Blair made clear that Labour should be seen as *professional and disciplined* in contrast to the Tory party. But the code, supported by 86 to 27, was watered down by an amendment stating that it should be applied in a way that did not "stifle democratic debate on policy matters". The amendment said that the code should not "weaken the spirit of tolerance and respect referred to in Clause Four".

There were also signs yesterday that backbenchers may not hold the line. Twenty-seven MPs, including members of the left-wing campaign group, voted against the code and two MPs, Jeremy Corbyn and Eddie Loyden, have signed a petition from the Socialist Workers' Party attacking the Labour leadership. This follows a mini-rebellion by four Labour MPs who voted against the penny cut in income tax in the Budget debate when when the official line was to abstain.

Some leftwingers complained that there had been *little time for proper debate* during yesterday's meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, where 24 amendments were tabled to the 22-page document. The final pages of the paper are expected to be backed at next week's meeting of the PLP when disciplinary measures will be discussed.

The revised code reaffirms that MPs should refrain from "personal attacks upon colleagues orally or in writing" and should "act in harmony with the policies of the Parliamentary Labour Party". The new clause is that MPs should "do nothing which brings the party into disrepute". Whether a particular action falls into that category will be for Donald Dewar, Labour's chief Whip, to decide.

The ultimate sanction for such behaviour would be withdrawal of the whip, but the first stage would be a written reprimand from the Chief Whip, which would be reported to the parliamentary committee and to the constituency party of the MP concerned. This could lead to an MP being de-selected by his local party.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: Home Office questions; questions to the Prime Minister; Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act (Fees) (No 1) Order; Port of Tyne Authority (Transfer of Undertaking) Order; Social Security (Disability Living Allowance and Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations; debate on north Durham hospital services. In the Lords: various orders plus National Heritage Bill, report; Land Registration Bill, committee; Theft (Amendment) Bill, committee; Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) Bill, second reading; Home Energy Rating Surveys Bill, second reading; debate on proposed sale of benefit offices.

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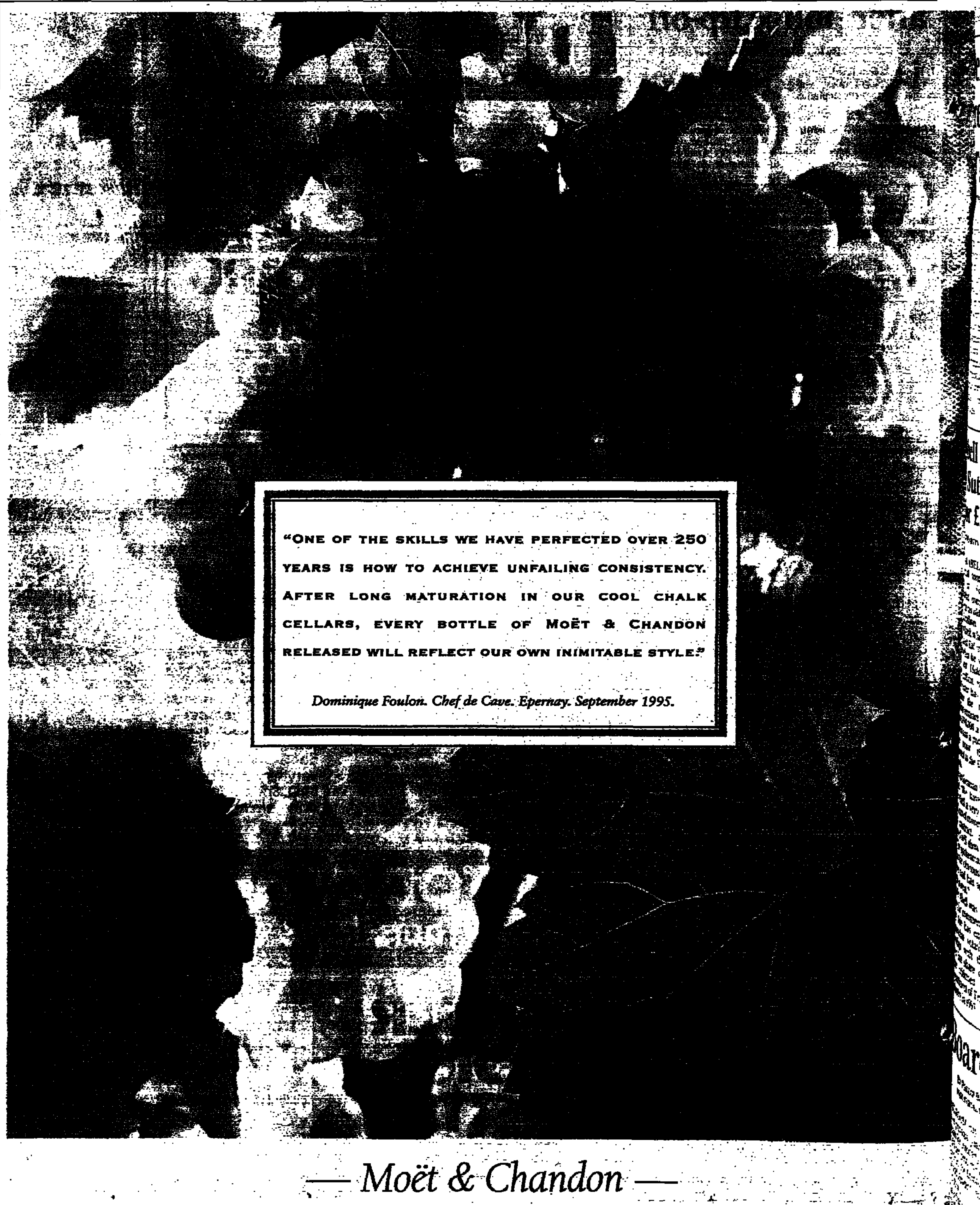

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Bass toasts 7,000 new jobs

By Alasdair Murray

BASS, the brewing and leisure company, plans to create about 7,000 jobs in its pubs and leisure businesses this year as it ploughs £670 million into expansion plans.

Sir Ian Prosser, chairman, said the jobs would be concentrated in its branded pubs businesses — which include All Bar One, Fork and Pitcher and Harvester — while about 1,500 positions will be created through the expansion of its *bowling parks and Dave and* Busters, the adult orientated electronic theme parks.

Bass unveiled a 12 per cent increase in full-year profit before tax to £671 million. It added that it had created about 6,000 jobs this year after investing £568 million.

The job details come as the company awaits an Office of Fair Trading decision on whether to refer its £200 million purchase of Carlsberg-Tetley to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The City is expecting Bass to make substanial job cuts if it receives regulatory clearance for the takeover of the rival brewing group. Bass said yesterday it had no further concrete details on the regulatory process although the company confirmed it would walk away from the deal if the authorities imposed conditions regarded as too stringent.

Turnover rose 12.5 per cent to £5.1 billion. The total dividend rises 10 per cent to 25p — above City expectations.

Hooper's Hooch, the country's bestselling alcopop, helped profits in the brewery division to rise 9 per cent to £157 million. Sir Ian said he did not believe that the 40 per cent duty rise imposed in the Budget would have a significant effect on sales. Bass has begun exporting Hooper's to some 30 countries and said initial sales were promising.

Overall volumes in the beer division rose 2.7 per cent with premium products such as Caffreys, Carling *Premier and* Grolsch enjoying strong growth. Britvic, the soft drinks division, increased profits 9 per cent to £50 million.

Frankie Dettori's achievement in riding seven race winners at Ascot hit profits at the leisure division, which fell 11 per cent to £66 million. Bass said Mr Detorri's unique feat, on the last Saturday of the *company's financial* year, cost Coral, its bookmaking business, about £4 million. Continuing difficulties at the Gala bingo business also hurt profits, with bingo admissions falling 3.1 per cent. The managed house division lifted operating profits 23 per cent to £221 million as food sales rose 54 per cent. Drink sales were 6.5 per cent ahead.

Bass *currently* owns and manages 2,780 pubs, including 102 Harvester restaurants, 69 O'Neill Irish theme pubs and 15 All Bar One café bars. Profits from the company's 1,440 tenanted pubs rose £1 million to £61 million.

The hotel division increased operating profits 19 per cent to £195 million helped by rising room rates in America. Bass added *a further 280 hotels* to its Holiday Inn Worldwide franchise brand during the year, bringing the total number to 2,250 hotels with 387,000 rooms. A further 560 hotels, with 59,000 rooms, have gained formal approval to join the brand but have not yet entered the system. Bass said it expects about 85 per cent of these to join the system over the next 18 months.

Sir Ian said the company expects growth to be restored to the leisure business this year and that the continuing buoyancy in consumer spending and growth in demand for *US hotels should drive the* business forward. But he said a strengthening pound could hit dollar profits.

A final dividend of 17.3p is payable on February 10.

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ScottishPower wields axe

By Oliver August

SCOTTISHPOWER is to shed 2,000 jobs at Southern Water as part of a reorganisation programme.

ScottishPower said that Southern Water, acquired for £1.68 *billion in July*, was unfocused, wasteful and lacking in efficiency.

Mike Kinski, who is leading the reorganisation, said Southern Water was burdened by its huge bureaucracy, which had developed as the utility diversified. At the time of the takeover, he said, 25 employees were needed to do the paperwork for the bills that the different divisions were charging each other. A consumer service system is to receive computer technology *for the first time and the* number of customer call centres is to be reduced from four to one.

Of the 2,000 jobs, 700 will disappear through direct cuts at Southern Water and 1,300 are to be shed through selling off *non-core* businesses. ScottishPower increased pretax profits 31 per cent to £167 million in the six months to September 30. Earnings per share rose 26 per cent to 14p and the interim dividend was lifted from 5.17p to 6.17p. The *full-year dividend is forecast* to rise 19 per cent to 18.5p.

The company said that integration targets at Manweb, acquired in 1995, had exceeded expectations.

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Unions attack NatWest

NATWEST was criticised by unions after it confirmed that it would cut "at least" 10,000 more jobs and close 200 branches by the year 2000 (Robert Miller writes).

Bifu, the banking, finance and insurance union, said *NatWest's decision would* hit some communities very hard and called for a rethink. Alan Ainsworth, Bifu assistant secretary added: "We cannot endorse the creation of unemployment ghettoes." The 30,000-strong NatWest Staff Association said: "This number of job losses is huge in anyone's language. We will examine and scrutinise all of the bank's proposals to ensure they are sensible, not *only for staff who stay or go*, but also for customers."

Tim Jones, managing director of retail banking, said the two unions had helped to draw up the strategy behind the announcement.

Delta in talks to create world's largest carrier

From Richard Thomson in New York

DELTA AIRLINES and Continental Airlines are in talks to create the world's largest carrier. A merger could trigger a wave of consolidation in the crowded US airline industry.

Insiders said the most likely outcome from the talks was a takeover worth about $1.8 billion of Continental, the fifth largest American carrier, by Delta, the third largest.

The combined company would have about one quarter of America's domestic market, overtaking United Airlines in US business, although it would still trail United and American Airlines in international services. It would serve about 155 cities inside the US.

The route networks of Delta and Continental would fit fairly well together although both operate from hubs in the South. Delta is centred on Atlanta, while Continental's hub is Dallas, but the overlap is not great. Overseas, Delta operates more routes to Europe, while Continental Airlines concentrates on Latin America.

The talks, which surprised most analysts, are the latest step in the consolidation of the US airline industry that has prompted a wave of deals with foreign carriers, the largest of *which is the proposed* link between British Airways and American.

US companies have made large profits over the last two years but see little room for further organic growth, increasing pressure for growth through takeovers or other deals. An agreement between BA and American would produce the world's largest international air network. It would also give BA access to the huge domestic US market by linking with American's internal flights.

However, merger talks between US airlines are notoriously uncertain *as the failed* negotiations between American and United demonstrated last year. The deals most likely to succeed are now between relatively weak airlines and stronger airlines with a large market share.

Inside the US, the airlines with the widest networks and the most "hub" airports are regarded as the strongest placed to take advantage of an industry consolidation. Continental is the weaker partner in the current talks, having emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection just two *and a half years ago*.

David Bonderman, its leading shareholder who has masterminded the airline's financial recovery, describes himself as a medium-term investor and may be looking to sell his shares, analysts said.

Abell sues Suter for £2m

By Martin Baker

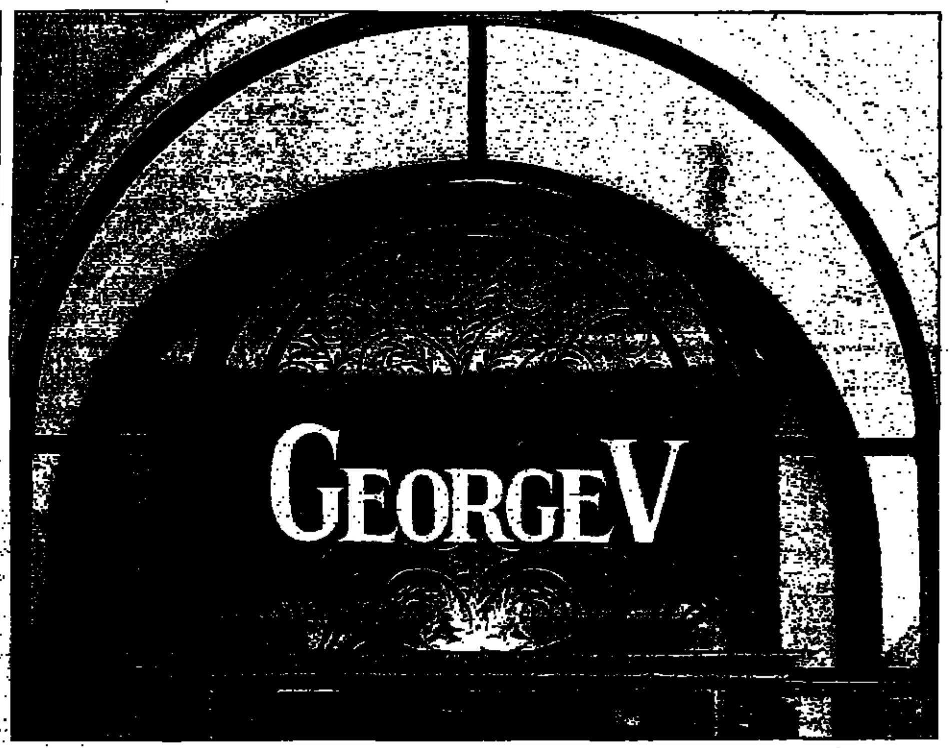
DAVID ABELL, the controversial former chairman of Suter, the industrial conglomerate, is suing his old company for £2 million.

Mr Abell, who made an estimated £10 million last year when he sold Suter to Ascot Holdings for £290 million, is alleging that Suter has failed to honour the three-year rolling contract that paid him £390,000 a year. Bonuses and a putative pay rise boost the sum claimed to the £2 million mark.

A spokesman for Ascot said: "We have offered Mr Abell a very substantial sum of money to settle his contract, and the record will show that."

The spokesman added: "But he obviously wants more and has served us with a writ."

Mr Abell was unavailable for comment yesterday. He has enjoyed a somewhat volatile relationship with the City after his share dealings were criticised by the Department of Trade and Industry in 1993.



The way in for Prince al-Waleed: the George V hotel in Paris being sold by Granada Group

Part of the dining room at the prestigious hotel

Prince al-Waleed: beat rivals

Saudi prince buys George V

By Alasdair Murray

PRINCE al-Waleed bin Talal, the Saudi billionaire who is a nephew of King Fahd, yesterday revealed he was buying the George V hotel in Paris for £104 million from Granada Group.

The Prince is understood to have beaten off stiff competition, including Prince Jefri of Brunei, to secure the George V — one of the world's most prestigious hotels. The hotel, which has 258 rooms, was opened in 1928. Last year the hotel, part of Granada's Exclusive chain, made an operating loss of £200,000 on £17 million turnover.

The City welcomed the sale price — well above the hotel's book value of £92.3 million. Granada's shares rose 8p to close at 882.5p.

Earlier this month Granada made its first Exclusive sale when Mandarin Oriental International, the Hong Kong-based hotel group, paid £86 million for the Hyde Park Hotel in London. Granada is aiming to sell the remaining 15 hotels in the Exclusive chain, which has a total book value of £800 million, over the next few months. Chelsfield, the property company, is believed to be close to acquiring the Westbury in Mayfair for around £40 million.

Prince al-Waleed has been expanding his hotel interests rapidly in recent years and is believed to have made an offer of about £750 million for the whole of the Exclusive chain. He has also bid around £350 million for the Princess luxury hotels, that Lonrho is selling. He already owns a substantial stake in the Four Seasons hotel group and the Plaza Hotel in New York.

Earlier this year, the Prince took the unusual step of teaming up with Michael Jackson, the pop star, to establish a multimedia entertainment business focusing on "family values".

Capel loses £3.6m over Energy sale

By Keith Rodgers

HSBC James Capel is nursing a loss of £3.675 million on a single transaction after the Government's sale of 81 million shares in British Energy, the nuclear generator, on Tuesday.

The market maker bought the entire stake at a price of 146p a share, and sold about a quarter of the holding on the same day. Yesterday it declared an outstanding interest in 8.75 per cent of British Energy, and is expected to retain the holding in the medium term. However, the shares closed at 140p yesterday, leaving James Capel with 61.25 million shares valued at 6p less than the purchase price.

British Energy shares have already had a rocky ride since flotation in the summer, initially falling below the 105p offer price. The Government retained a 12 per cent stake after failing to find buyers.

The disposal was part of a £257 million divestment of utility shares, and included 6.6 million National Grid shares and 18.7 of million ScottishPower. Holdings in six electricity companies were sold to Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, which declined to comment yesterday on their forward sale. Shares in three water companies were also sold. The Treasury retains holdings in BT and the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4045.2	(-16.3)
Yield	4.05%	
FTSE All share	n/a	
Nikkei	20659.91	(+29.35)
New York:		
Dow Jones	6426.67	(-16.02)*
S&P Composite	744.53	(-3.75)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(4½%)
Long Bond	101²⁵⁄₃₂*	(101²⁸⁄₃₂)
Yield	6.37%*	(6.36%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6¹¹⁄₃₂%	(6¹¹⁄₃₂%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	111¼	(113³¹⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6390*	(1.6425)
London:		
$	1.6385	(1.6520)
DM	2.5605	(2.5876)
FFr	8.6465	(8.7460)
SFr	2.1676	(2.2000)
Yen	185.43	(187.88)
£ Index	92.7	(93.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5625*	(1.5565)
FFr	5.2775*	(5.2865)
SFr	1.3225*	(1.3207)
Yen	113.15*	(113.38)
$ Index	98.1	(98.2)

Tokyo close Yen 113.23

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Feb) $23.20 ($23.10)

GOLD

London close $369.95 ($367.85)

* denotes midday trading price

Pound slips back again

THE pound continued to fall yesterday. Sterling's trade-wighted index against a basket of currencies closed at 92.7, compared with 93.7 on Tuesday, losing ground against the mark and dollar. It finished at about DM2.5602, down nearly two pfennigs from Tuesday and nearly eight pfennigs lower than Monday's peak of DM2.6370.

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Board pay still rising faster than workers'

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BOARDROOM pay is rising faster than in previous years, with average increases for company directors reaching of 5 per cent, the latest top wages study from the Institute of Directors (IoD) and Reward, the pay research group, shows.

It says that on average over the past 12 months directors enjoyed rises of between 3.7 per cent and 5 per cent, ahead of rank-and-file company employees. Almost 5,000 directors in the UK responded to the survey.

Directors are forecasting further increases in the coming year of between 3.5 per cent and 4.5 per cent, although the study suggests that close to a fifth are expecting rises of above 5 per cent.

While accepting that directors' pay and benefits "remain very high on the public and political agenda", the study says that following the recommendations of the Greenbury and Cadbury committees on pay and corporate governance, greater openness should remove the feeling "that there are thousands of 'fat cats' out there creaming off the profits of the company and giving low pay rises to their staff".

Suggesting that the typical pay for a managing director in a company with a turnover of up to £25 million is now £52,000, the report emphasises that most company directors do not have levels anything like those in publicly quoted companies that provoked such a political and public furore.

Tim Melville-Ross, Director-General of the IoD, said that the survey "confirms, once again, that high-profile salaries and rises are not representative and give quite the wrong impression about directors' rewards generally".

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Citibank expands in Dublin

Citibank is to set up its second European processing centre in Dublin. The back-office support centre will create 950 jobs.

Unofficial sources put Citibank's investment at around Ir£50 million and the Irish Government's near to Ir£10 million. Citibank already employs 150 people in the Republic.

Caffyns up

Reduced interest charges helped Caffyns, the automotive distributor, to lift pre-tax profits to £754,000 (£291,000) on turnover little changed at £86.3 million (£83 million). The interim is held at 5p, due on January 10.

New director

Body Shop International has appointed Adrian Bellamy as its third non-executive director. Mr Bellamy has 25 years' experience in the retailing sector, mainly in America. Ivan Levy is to be executive director in charge of retailing.

Clydeport

Clydeport expects to increase this year's total dividend to at least 4.5p a share from 4.4p previously, with a final dividend of not less than 3p (Business News, December 4).

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.14	1.98
Austria Sch	18.94	17.44
Belgium Fr	55.59	51.29
Canada $	2.323	2.163
Cyprus Cyp£	0.808	0.748
Denmark Kr	10.34	9.54
Finland Mkk	8.20	7.55
France Fr	9.08	8.38
Germany Dm	2.71	2.50
Greece Dr	418	393
Hong Kong $	13.33	12.33
Iceland	120	100
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel Shk	5.69	5.04
Italy Lira	2625	2470
Japan Yen	200.10	184.10
Malta	0.636	0.581
Netherlds Gld	3.012	2.782
New Zealand $	2.46	2.24
Norway Kr	11.19	10.39
Portugal Esc	268.50	250.00
S Africa Rd	8.21	7.41
Spain Pta	222.00	209.00
Sweden Kr	11.75	10.95
Switzerland Fr	2.29	2.11
Turkey Lira	180750	169750
USA $	1.740	1.610

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PETER TREVNOR

Franchise to ride: Trevor Smallwood, chairman of FirstBus, left, with Bob Breakwell, managing director of Great Eastern Railway, at Liverpool Street Station yesterday, after FirstBus was formally awarded the franchise to run services from London across Essex and Suffolk. Great Eastern is the fifteenth of 25 rail franchises to be privatised

Bank adds 'gilt repos' to money-market operations

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE Bank of England yesterday announced what it called the biggest change to its daily money-market operations for a century, claiming that London's money and bond markets were now "state of the art" and able to compete with any other financial centre in the world.

The big change is the inclusion of "gilt repos" in the Bank's money-market operations as well as Treasury bills, the main instrument since the last century.

This follows the enormous growth of the gilt repo market that was set up in January this year. There are now an estimated £60 billion of gilt repos outstanding — three times the amount of bills.

The gilt repo market allows banks and other players to borrow and lend money with gilts as security, a facility that the Bank argues has made the gilt market more liquid and more attractive to foreign investors.

Allowing gilt repos to be used in the money markets will provide another useful and widely traded instrument to banks and others to manage their daily cash needs more flexibly.

The Bank also announced yesterday that it was opening up the money market to a greater array of financial players, including banks, building societies and securities firms as well as the discount houses that have long been the market's middle men.

Ian Plenderleith, executive director of the Bank, said that the new arrangements were compatible with the Europe-wide arrangements being developed in the European Monetary Institute, but that this was not the prime consideration.

He said that the Bank was responding to the ever modernising financial markets and that its programme of updating trading structures would help London to maintain its pre-eminent position as a financial centre whether or not Britain opted into the single currency.

The Bank is seeking comment on its proposals and is hoping to implement final plans early next year.

☐ Reaction to yesterday's £2.5 billion auction of five-year gilts was disappointing with bids received of only 1.7 times the amount on offer. This is less strong than the demand seen at the previous two auctions.

Bond pleads guilty to fraud

From Rachel Bridge in Sydney

ALAN BOND, the former *Australian tycoon, yesterday* pleaded guilty to his part in the biggest corporate fraud in Australian history in a move that could see him spend ten more years behind bars.

Bond is already serving three years in jail for defrauding Bond Corporation, his public company, over the sale of *La Promenade*, a French Impressionist painting.

Yesterday he admitted acting dishonestly and with *intent to defraud in connection* with a A$1 billion (£487 million) loan to Bond Corporation from Bell Resources, which he acquired from Robert Holmes à Court, a fellow Australian tycoon He faces a maximum sentence of five years' imprisonment on each charge.

Bond, 58, pleaded guilty after the prosecution agreed to drop seven further charges relating to the Bell Resources fraud. He is scheduled to be *sentenced in February.*

Bond's guilty plea marks the final chapter in a list of long-running prosecutions that he has fought since the collapse of his business empire in the late Eighties.

Bond had headed a concern that had a stake in Allied Lyons, the food and drinks giant, and interests in goldmines, newspapers and television.

Flexibility hits pay, according to study

By Philip Bassett
Industrial editor

THE Government's labour market reforms, making Britain's job market more flexible, have led to greater pay inequality, an official study acknowledges today.

While ministers insist today that the findings suggest that the Government's labour market reforms are helping to boost the UK economy overall, the acknowledgement of their impact on earnings and equality will be taken as significant.

Labour and the trade unions have long argued that greater labour market flexibility makes the rich richer and the poor poorer. This is confirmed in a study published today in the Office for National Statistics's *Labour Market Trends* journal. It concludes that while the Government's reforms of unions, employment rights, social security and minimum wages have led to some increase in flexibility, "it also appears that these reforms have contributed to a significant widening of the earnings distribution."

The study of recoveries in the 1980s and 1990s in the UK, US, Germany, France, Italy, Canada and Australia, says that in the 1980s, "wage inequality increased more quickly in the UK than in any of the other countries."

That trend has continued in the 1990s, the study says, with male wage inequality stagnating in 1992-94 but then showing a "large rise" in 1995, and female wage inequality rising more quickly in the 1990s than in the previous decade.

The study suggests that other factors include technological progress favouring skilled workers and competition from low-wage developing countries.

On jobs, where Government ministers claim Britain is improving, the study says that "the UK employment performance does not appear particularly impressive by international standards." Employment in the UK still fell in the first three years of the 1990s recovery. Only in Canada and Germany was employment performance "clearly worse" than in Britain. On unemployment, the study says the UK is now performing better than other European countries.

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BAe consortium buys into German defence

A CONSORTIUM containing British Aerospace has finally sealed a £100 million deal to buy a 49 per cent stake in STN Atlas, Germany's foremost military electronics company. The consortium, which includes Rheinmetall and Badenwerke, the German industrial combines, negotiated the sale with the liquidator of the Bremer Vulkan shipyard, one-time owner of STN.

BAe's move to join the consortium followed a failed attempt to enter the naval market with a bid for the VSEL shipbuilder. A spokesman said: "It will be a real increase in our customer base because of STN's work for the German ministry of defence." In *1995 STN made DM32 million pre-tax profit on DM1.45 billion* sales and had about DM88 million net assets.

Banking complaints up

COMPLAINTS made to the Banking Ombudsman up to September 30 rose by more than 20 per cent to a record 22,793. Laurence Shurman, outgoing ombudsman, blamed banks' attempts to improve efficiency through branch closures and new technology. Only 7,264 translated into written complaints that the ombudsman felt worthy of examination in more depth — 8 per cent up on last year. About one-third of complaints concerned lending and mortgages. Average award was £2,815.

AIM rules tightened

THE London Stock Exchange has tightened the listing rules for the Alternative Investment Market, demanding more information about companies planning to join and exercising greater control over the role of the junior market's 61 nominated advisers. As from January 2 companies must name not only their major shareholders but anyone providing it with formal or informal financial backing at least ten working days before flotation.

About-turn by UKAV

UK Active Value Fund, the dissident Greycoat shareholder, is no longer seeking to liquidate the Greycoat property portfolio. The fund claimed success in securing an intention from Greycoat to sell the £200 million Embankment Place office building. In a sudden about-turn, UKAV will abstain from voting on the proposal at today's extraordinary meeting. However, a spokesman said it was still in sympathy with the bid approach from Moorfield.

Salvesen meets rebels

DIRECTORS of Christian Salvesen yesterday met about 60 of the transportation group's largest private shareholders to discuss their concerns over plans for a special dividend payout and demerger. Sir Gerald Elliot, the former Salvesen chairman leading the dissidents, said shareholders were very strongly opposed to the demerger of Aggreko, its hire business, and the £150 million payout. The rebels must now decide whether to call an extraordinary meeting.

Enviromed board threat

RON ZWANZIGER, the American biotech businessman, has staged a second attempt to gain control of Enviromed, the UK-listed healthcare company, through a motion to oust its entire board. Selfcare, Mr Zwanziger's US-based medical services group, has used its 28.9 per cent of Enviromed's voting shares to demand the dismissal of Tom Murphy, chief executive, and the three other board members. Enviromed's shares closed ½p stronger yesterday at 24½p.

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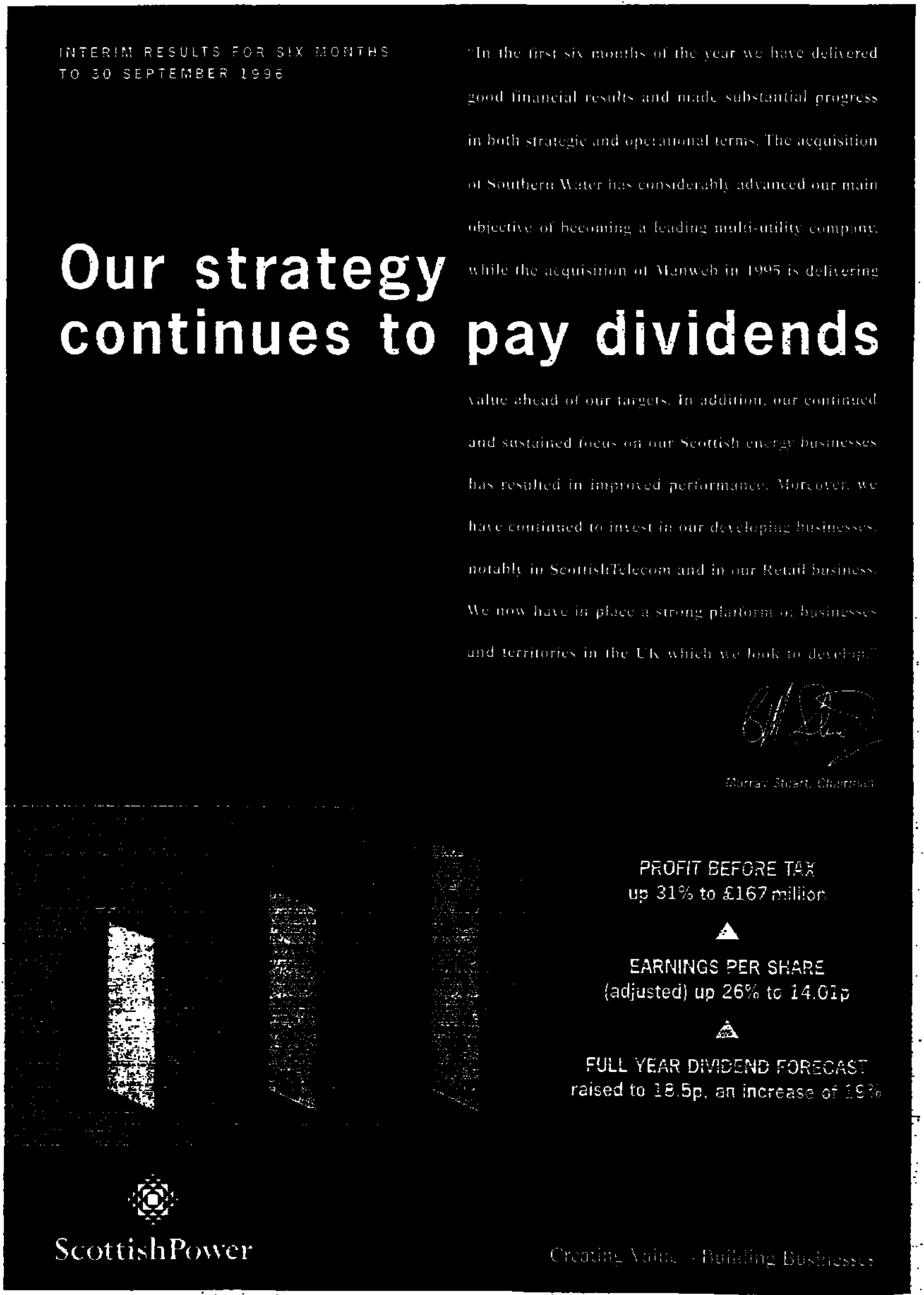

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☐ MMC beckons for beer merger ☐ Whistle-blowers may regret their altruism ☐ Taking the cost out at Southern

Lang's hand at the pump

☐ COMPANY announcements seem to get longer and longer. Bass's full-year statement yesterday weighed in at 27 pages — and still barely a mention of the main question on investors' minds, whether the company will be allowed to become Britain's biggest brewer.

Reticence is understandable because these are delicate days for the purchase of half of Carlsberg-Tetley, which would give Bass control of two-fifths of British beer production. The Office of Fair Trading's views went last week to Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, and are thought to be damning.

It is now up to Mr Lang whether to require Bass to negotiate terms and conditions with a hostile Office of Fair Trading, or to throw the deal to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It will not be an easy decision, but Mr Lang has only himself to blame. It had always been assumed that a 25 per cent market share was any brewer's limit.

But he allowed that ceiling to be breached with Scottish & Newcastle's purchase of Courage. That gave S&N 30 per cent, so raising the question of where the limit should now be set.

About 10 per cent of beer consumed in Britain is imported legally, and more is smuggled in across the Channel. Supporters of further consolidation say there is enough choice to prevent exploitation. The brewers' share of each pint accounts for only about 25p anyway, leaving little leeway for huge price rises. Most developed countries have only two big brewers, such duopolies being the natural market structure for low-price, high-volume consumer products.

The rest of the brewing industry is dead against Bass's expansion plans. S&N would prefer to remain top dog; the small regionals and the new pub operators fear any greater power won by the majors.

This all stems from the changed nature of the British pub, as brought about by the pub sales forced on the majors by the Government's 1989 Beer Orders. They were deprived of the easy living provided by all that captive estate, while the purchasers provided extra competition.

The result was that the price of beer outpaced inflation, but pubs in general improved. The returns available from brewing fell, and several smaller brewers quit the game.

The Carlsberg deal would leave more than four-fifths of production in the hands of three players. Bass was saying yesterday that it would walk away if the terms struck were too onerous — say the disposal of every pub or brand. It will not come to that. The most likely outcome is an MMC inquiry, the timetable of the Carlsberg deal even allowing for this, to decide under what circumstances Bass can achieve its aims. That is, after all, what the MMC is there for.

How fraudsters evade the net

☐ WHEN two Far East banks blew the whistle recently, they were left wishing they had been less public spirited. The accountholder they suspected sued for $300 million, saying the freezing of his accounts had blocked a big business deal. Never mind that he was already standing trial for alleged fraud.

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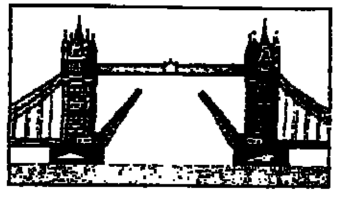

The case, more suited to the bizarre reaches of the American legal system, was cited at the second annual international fraud conference in London as an example of the barriers to successful prosecution. Senior fraud squad officers are increasingly frustrated at the lack of progress, bordering on government indifference.

One who has put his head above the parapet is William Taylor, Commissioner for the City of London Police and chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers' crime committee. His complaint is that there is no specific offence of fraud on the statute book.

Fraudsters operate in as many as half a dozen jurisdictions. The police must prove the case separately in each to stand a chance of securing a conviction in the UK alone. If the case falls down anywhere, the chances are that once again the person walks, very often to enjoy the proceeds of his crimes.

So juries are having to consider complicated and, in many cases, inappropriate charges — false accounting, making misleading statements, or conspiracy to defraud. The police want a single charge on the books; the opportunity may come soon in the form of a European Union initiative.

A convention, shortly to be ratified by heads of government, allows for a common definition of what constitutes EU fraud to be translated into the criminal laws of member states. The convention might be usefully extended to any jurisdiction, for the first time putting the offence of fraud where it belongs — on statute books internationally.

Scotch and water a powerful brew

☐ THERE are only two reasons why one utility should want to buy another. One is to abuse even greater monopoly power, and no one would want to do that, would they? The other is to sack large numbers of people and use the resulting cost savings to boost profits.

ScottishPower has shown itself well down the second track at Southern Water. Much was made at the time of the bid this summer of the benefits to customers, opportunities for cross-selling, eventual supermarket shopping for all utility needs, and so on. But the City had been looking for annual cost savings from Southern of more than £40 million; the company has forecast £52 million. As much as £50 million of reorganisation costs were feared at Southern: they came in at £21 million.

Small wonder the shares, lousy performers since the bid was first mooted, rebounded yesterday. Merrill Lynch has set a target of £4 a share, back above where they were in the spring. They will probably get there. All this is not bad for a company lucky to exist in its current form.

With all the takeover bids now being kicked to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, it is as well the Scots started their buying spree before utilities takeovers were declared a political anathema.

Head spinning

☐ SIGN of the times: Citigate, the amiable financial spin doctor, sorry, the "diversified communications and marketing group", has been sold for 15 times' forecast earnings. This requires it to stick around for that length of time, or at least to show further rapid growth before anything goes wrong. Why does this sort of price make one so nervous? Could it be because Citigate was created eight years ago out of one of those ghastly schisms to which such people businesses are so vulnerable?

Carlton targets pay-TV as next area of growth

By Eric Reguly

CARLTON Communications, the ITV company with the Central and London weekday franchises, said yesterday that it will target the pay-TV market as its next growth area.

Carlton's strategy to focus on subscription channels was unveiled one week after it paid £85 million for Westcountry Television, the ITV company in Devon and Cornwall. The deal made it the largest ITV company and left it with little room to expand in the commercial broadcasting market. Office of Fair Trading guidelines prevent TV companies from controlling more than 25 per cent of total TV airtime sales. This stopped Carlton from launching takeover bids for larger players, such as HTV and MAI.

Michael Green reported a 20 per cent increase in profit

Michael Green, chairman, said: "Free and pay-television channels should not be seen as competitors; they are complementary businesses. Free television is driven by the need to deliver mass audiences to subscribers, pay TV by the need to sign up subscribers. Carlton wants to establish a significant presence in both markets." Carlton has already launched two pay channels, Carlton Select and Carlton Food Network, on cable in Britain and has interests in new subscription services in France, India and Singapore. Carlton would not provide details of its plans for the sector, other than to say that it intends to produce programming as well as operate pay-TV channels.

Analysts said that Carlton has to go beyond the ITV market if it wants to expand in television. But they noted that pay-TV channels on their own will not guarantee strong growth. Such channels can deliver only relatively small audiences because of their specialised nature.

Carlton reported a 20 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £295 million, in the year to September 30, on turnover of £1.68 billion, up 6 per cent. Earnings per share were 31.6p, up 21 per cent. The results were in line with analysts' forecasts.

Strong growth in the non-TV businesses were behind the rise. Operating income in the core TV division grew just 5 per cent, to £123 million, because of soft advertising sales. A turnround is expected.

The biggest gains were in the film division, which processes and cleans films and makes copies of films for cinemas. It reported a 27 per cent rise in operating profits, to £52.7 million. The products division, which makes editing systems, was up 33 per cent to £43.1 million.

The final dividend of 6.72p, to be paid April 7, makes a total dividend of 11.1p, up 17.5 per cent.

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Citigate to join stock market

CITIGATE Communications Group, the financial public relations and marketing firm, is to join the stock market through a reverse takeover by Incepta, a smaller but quoted sales promotion and direct marketing company (Morag Preston writes).

Incepta's all-share deal will value Citigate at about £29 million.

David Wright, Citigate's chief executive, will hold the same post at the enlarged business, while Graham Green, Incepta's chief executive, will be Mr Wright's deputy.

Citigate's clients include Granada, JP Morgan Worldwide, UBS in New York, and LucasVarity.

Incepta will finance its purchase by issuing up to 133 million shares. The size of the deal prompted Incepta to suspend trading in its shares at 21¾p.

Kingfisher hails autumn success

By Sarah Cunningham

KINGFISHER, the Woolworths to B&Q retailing group, yesterday revealed strong autumn sales figures that bode well for a prosperous Christmas.

In the three months to November 2, like-for-like sales in the group — excluding shops opened since last year — rose 7.5 per cent. Total sales, including new shops, were 13 per cent ahead at £1.3 billion.

Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive, hailed the figures as encouraging and said they were "achieved in competitive markets where value for money is crucial to the customer".

Many City analysts were persuaded by the sales figures to increase their forecasts for pre-tax profit this year. UBS added £15 million to £370 million and Hoare Govett raised its forecast £10 million to £380 milion.

Comet, the out-of-town electricals retailer, was the group's best performer, lifting like-for-like sales 14 per cent to £161 million.

B&Q, the do-it-yourself chain, was helped by the buoyant housing market and increased its sales 12.7 per cent to £366 million. Superdrug's sales rose 5.4 per cent to £166 million. The company said Superdrug's move away from household and food products and into health and beauty is continuing successfully.

Woolworths sales for the period were 9.4 per cent ahead, to £324 million. The company has modernised 117 stores around the country, and those stores saw sales rise by an average 22 per cent.

The only blot on Kingfisher's copybook was Darty, the French electricals market leader, where like-for-like sales grew just 0.4 per cent to £286 million. Kingfisher shares rose 1½p to 654p.

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TLG blames European conditions

By Sarah Cunningham

TLG, the lighting group, yesterday blamed difficult market conditions across Europe as it unveiled a 27 per cent fall in interim profits to £8.3 million. TLG said in September that half-time profits to September 30 would be £8-£8.5 million (£11.4 million).

Hamish Bryce, chairman, expects profit improvement programmes to give savings of around £1.5 million in the second half. In the first half, UK operating profit fell from £4.6 million to £2.8 million, while in the rest of Europe it fell from £5.9 million to £4.3 million.

New contracts won included the relighting of Prague airport, tunnel lighting in Croatia and for the Great Belt Bridge in Denmark, the world's longest suspension bridge.

Fully diluted earnings per share were 2.9p (4p). The interim has been held at 1.4p, payable on February 14.

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US shareholder buys Ashbourne

By Eric Reguly

AN AMERICAN company became the second largest nursing home group in Britain yesterday with the purchase of Ashbourne.

Sun Healthcare of New Mexico, through Exceler, its British subsidiary, agreed to pay 177p a share for the 70.6 per cent of Ashbourne that it does not already own. The offer values Ashbourne at £95 million.

The offer represents a premium of almost 30 per cent to Ashbourne's share price on November 22, when Ashbourne revealed it was in bid talks. The shares closed up 14p to 175p.

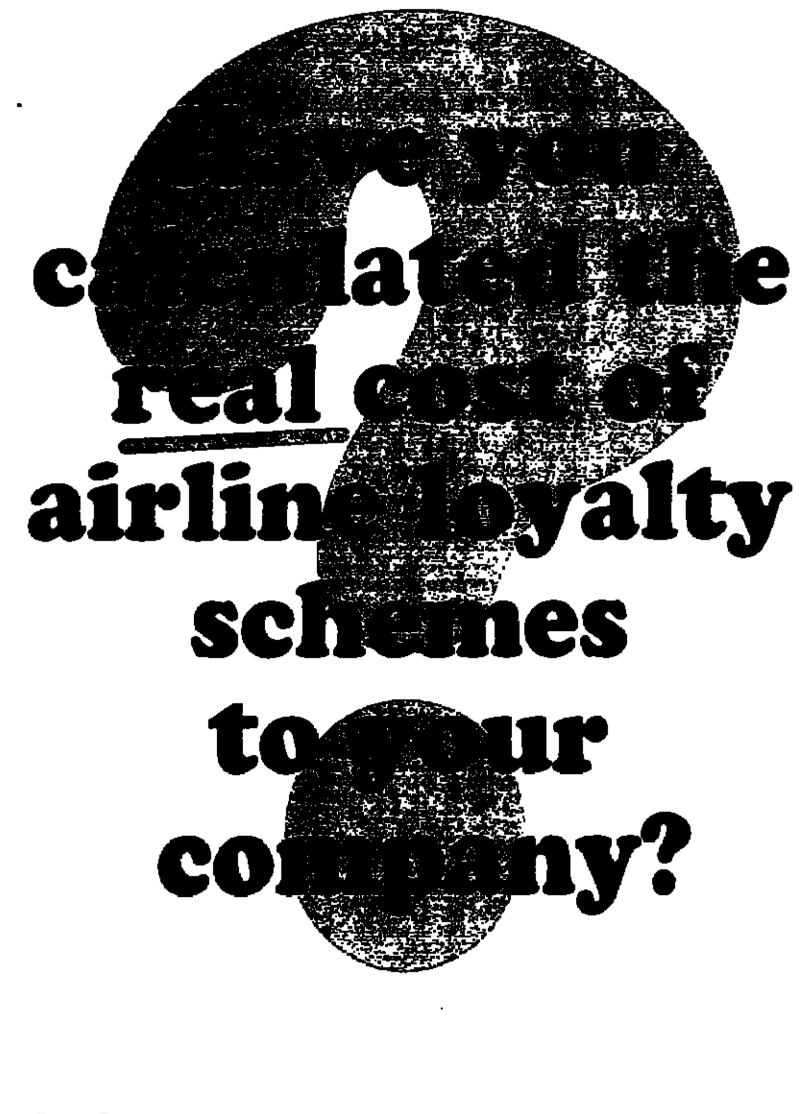
The acquisition comes shortly after Sun Healthcare agreed to pay £13.5 million for Apta, another British nursing home group.

Exceler, Ashbourne and Apta together will have 6,800 beds; only Takare will be larger.

Bob Woltil, Sun's chief financial officer, said the company did not expect to make another acquisition in the short to medium term.

"We've reached our immediate goal, which was to achieve a significant position in the UK market," he said.

The group will now concentrate on putting the three companies together and building new nursing homes. The enlarged group will be based in Glasgow and Eton and will trade under the Ashbourne name.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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Swiss rush for CU shares revives takeover rumours

AN avalanche of Swiss buying sent shares of **Commercial Union** climbing close to the year's high. *The shares again* came under the takeover spotlight and by the close of business almost four million shares had changed hands.

The price advanced 8½p to 669½p, just 8p shy of its peak. The high turnover raised a few eyebrows with market-makers, who only normally quote a price in 50,000 shares at a time. It was also the origin of *the buying which attracted* attention. Much of it was Swiss. Commercial Union has been tipped as a takeover target for years. Allianz, the German insurer, is a name often mentioned. Last night Allianz refused to comment.

Yesterday **BAT Industries** was added to the list after reports suggesting that the group had abandoned plans to *hive off its financial services* arm, which includes Eagle Star, Farmers in the US and Allied Hambro, from its tobacco interests.

BAT Industries retreated 3½p to 469p on those reports. The City would be pleased to see such a demerger. Brokers are worried about continuing litigation in the US relating to tobacco related diseases which *has helped to depress the price* this year. It has dropped from a peak of 585p.

The bloodbath that had been anticipated in London after the overnight sell-off in New York failed to materialise. In the face of heavy falls in the gilts market, the FT-SE 100 index actually put up some stiff resistance. Down 23 points, at one stage, *it reduced the deficit to 16.3 at* 4,045.2 by the close. This was in spite of renewed losses for the Dow Jones average in New York morning trading.

ICI rose 13½p to 776½p on the back of some positive comments from NatWest Securities, the broker. The US chemical group Dupont has raised the price of titanium dioxide. ICI is also a big producer.

Ashbourne jumped 14p to 175p on news of the agreed bid from Sun Healthcare worth 177p a share.

LLoyds TSB firmed 1½p to 424½p in a falling market with the help of a profits upgrade from HSBC James Capel, the broker. Capel has cut its forecast for **Albright & Wilson** after the group announced it had lost a major customer. The shares ended *6½p off at 166p.*

TGI's Nigel Hamilton and Peter Russell, finance director, saw shares mark time after an increase in half-year profits

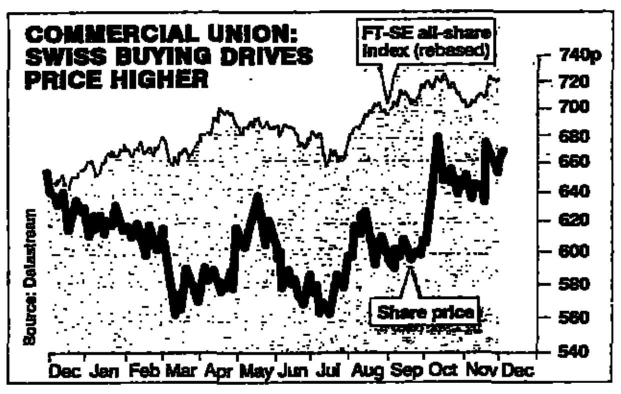
There was a late sell-off in **British Aerospace** with the price dropping 28½p to £11.21½ on news that the French Government had suspended the privatisation of Thomson. This follows the decision of the Privatisation Committee to reject the choice of Lagardere as preferred bidder for the group. British Aerospace had teamed up with Lagardere to bid for Thomson.

Racal Electronics *continued* to recover from Monday's profits warning and subsequent profits setback on Tuesday. The shares ended the session 7p better at 243p. **LucasVarity** also firmed 3½p to 237½p. The group is shedding 3,000 jobs and plans *to dispose of a number of* businesses.

A bullish trading update from **Kingfisher**, the Comet and Woolworth stores group, was rewarded with a rise of 1½p at 654p. Third-quarter sales had grown 7.5 per cent, which pleased analysts who immediately began upgrading their full-year estimates. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, has raised its forecast by £10 million to £380 million.

Williams Holdings rose 5p *to 344½p after giving details of* 15 management buyouts within the group which should raise an estimated £360 million. The group hinted it was keen to move into security. Speculators took the view it might bid for **Chubb Security**, 3p firmer at 338p.

Heavy turnover was noted in British Steel, up 1¼p at 164¼p, with almost five million shares changing hands. Brokers say there is a short position in the options market which needs to be covered before expiry of the December series. There is also some talk that the group may be close to selling its aluminium operations.



COMMERCIAL UNION: SWISS BUYING DRIVES PRICE HIGHER

Source: Datastream

Carlton Communications dropped 14p to 489½p after weighing in with an 18 per *cent increase in full-year profits* at £295.1 million. The market was disturbed to find that profits from television advertising had grown only 5 per cent. Carlton accounts for 34 per cent of advertising among the independent broadcasters.

Big cost savings failed to boost **ScottishPower** which ended the session 2p shy at 339½p. *The group estimates* profits at **Southern Water** will be enhanced by £62 million in cost savings. The group reported a £40 million increase in pre-tax profits in the first six months to £167.1 million.

Full-year figures from **Bass** showing pre-tax profits 12 per cent higher at £671 million were in line with City expectations. The group intends to invest £670 million *during the* next year, creating an extra 7,000 jobs. The strong pound cost the group £700,000. The shares rose 2p to 813p.

TGI, the electronic equipment group led by Nigel Hamilton, chief executive, marked time at 113p despite reporting a useful increase in pre-tax profits during the first six months of the year. The *figure was up from* £811,000 to £1 million.

Share purchases by several directors lifted **On Demand Information** by 5p to 57½p. Graham Poulter, chairman, has bought a further 22,500 shares at 55p lifting his total holding to 22.7 million, or 41.25 per cent. David Storey, finance director, has increased his holding by 2,500 shares to *207,278.*

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** A lukewarm response to the short auction undermined sentiment in an already depressed bond market. The issue of £2.5 billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was just 1.7 times oversubscribed, a poor response to a short-dated issue.

In futures the March series of the long gilt dropped £11/16 *to close at £110 19/32 as a total of* 59,000 contracts were completed.

Treasury 8 per cent 2015 tumbled £¾ to £104 17/32 while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £11/32 off at £103 5/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** The Dow Jones industrial average was down 16.02 points at midday to 6,426.67 as investors again took profits in larger companies in favour of smaller capitalised stocks.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 6426.67 (-16.02)
S&P Composite 744.53 (-3.75)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 20659.91 (+29.35)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 13434.24 (-22.02)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 630.81 (-5.56)

Sydney:
AO 2370.7 (-9.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2866.07 (-30.91)

Singapore:
Straits 2194.36 (+8.64)

Brussels:
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Paris:
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Zurich:
SKA Gen n/a

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FTSE Eurotrack 100 1890.88 (-8.61)
FT All-Share n/a
FT Non Financials n/a
FT Fixed Interest 117.82 (+0.12)
FT Govt Secs 95.43 (-0.05)
Bargains 35408
SEAQ Volume 750.7m
USM (Datastrm) 193.34 (-0.09)
US$ 1.6382 (-0.0138)
German Mark 2.5602 (-0.0282)
Exchange Index 92.7 (-1.0)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.3227
£:SDR 1.1635
RPI 153.8 Oct (2.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX 153.6 Oct (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Access Plus (90)	100½	- 2
Advanced Power Cm	79½	...
Beechcroft	4	...
Brands Hatch Leis	187½	- 1
Britt Allcroft	152½	...
Car Group	162½	...
Charterhouse	6¼	- ½
Dawn Til Dusk	121½	...
Deep Sea Leis (160)	162½	...
Druid Grp	318½	- 4
Exeter Inv	97½	...
First Russian Frts C	587½	...
Future Int Tele (115)	126½	...
Geo Interactive (100)	83½	- 4
Goshawk Insce	122½	...
Grantchester Hldgs	131½	+ 8
Kern River	50½	...
Majestic Wines	226½	...
Oliver Ashworth	135	...
Provend (125)	127½	...
Recycling Servs	99½	- ½
Scot Highland Hlts	139½	+ 1
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Second St David Res	9½	...
Second St David Z Pf	185	+ ¼
Semple Cochrane	226	...
Snakeboard (3)	3¼	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

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Bodycote Intl n/p	107½	- 5
INVESCO n/p (220)	46	...
More Group n/p (600)	22½	- 6
Regalian Prps n/p (30)	1	- ½
Stakis n/p (82)	8½	+ 2
Vision Gp n/p (235)	61½	- 2

MAJOR CHANGES

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Blacks Leis 321p (+9½p)
Siebe 969p (+19p)
Irish Perm 499½p (+15p)
FALLS:
Carlton Comm 489½p (-14p)
Cowie 403½p (-10p)
Entreprise 575p (-12p)
Prism Rail 490p (-10p)
Maiden 266½p (-28p)
Wolseley 448½p (-9p)
Marks Spencer 490p (-8½p)

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TEMPUS

French in retreat

THE trouble with free markets is that they work. Capital pursues profit, prices go down as well as up and the asset sells to the highest bidder. However, free markets become a nightmare if you introduce a separate agenda — and so it is proving across the Channel. The French Government would like to sell Thomson, the consumer and defence electronics group. Heavily indebted, the group controls Thomson-CSF, the defence electronics business, which makes money and forms part of the elaborate jigsaw puzzle that is the *European defence industry. Unfortunately it* also owns Thomson Multimedia, a loss-making television maker.

Two separate bids emerged, both with foreign interests attached and both keen to link Thomson-CSF into a defence alliance. Alcatel was interested and is linked to Britain's GEC but the Govenment plumped for Lagardère which has a missiles joint venture with British Aerospace. Needless to say, neither Lagardère nor Alcatel has any interest in a dud French TV manufacturer and Lagardère quickly signed up Daewoo to take it off their hands.

So what began as a tentative attempt to sort out the messy patchwork quilt of European defence companies became a battle to secure jobs at Thomson Multimedia. Having retreated from train drivers and truckers, the French *Government finds* it easy to prop up a dying consumer electronics industry. Within this policy mess, it is difficult to see how GEC or British Aerospace will ever assemble a European defence contractor capable of taking on the Americans. Unfortunately, at the Elysée Palace, the agenda is more parochial.

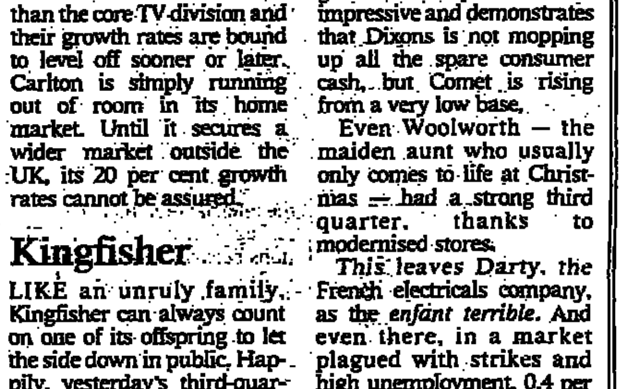
Williams

NOT a few quoted companies *would feel privileged* to own peripheral businesses such as those that Williams Holdings has shuffled off for £360 million. Brands such as Rawlplug may be household names in Britain, but for Williams that is too parochial and the company would rather be in products that also sell well in China.

The sale was well flagged but Williams strove hard to use the occasion to correct any impression that it was not adding value. A net internal rate of return of 13 per cent for a business whose cost of capital is probably 10 to 11 per cent is impressive, not least given the recent weakness in the housing market.

If Williams is getting much better returns in its core businesses of fire protection and security, the share rating is probably too low. But the depressing effect of the extra cash rules out much growth in earnings next year. Williams would be right to remind the market that earnings per share is yesterday's obsession, consigned to the same bin as the conglomerate. Nevertheless, if it is to remain as efficient an investor as it showed itself to be yesterday, it will have to invest fairly rapidly or return value to shareholders.

Williams is no slouch at buying businesses, having spent some £230 million already this year. Yet the company also demonstrated yesterday that it is in a seller's market and having sold it is now on the expensive side of the bargain.



MORE SECURITY OVERSEAS

Source: Datastream

Carlton

MICHAEL GREEN, boss of Carlton Communications, may not be the biggest dealmaker in the TV industry, but it is not for lack of trying. Regulation, not conserva*tism, has held him back.* As much as he would have loved to tuck MAI and HTV into his portfolio, he was simply unable to get around the restriction that prevents any ITV company from controlling more than 25 per cent of advertising.

Carlton is now trying to make a virtue out of necessity. With the recent purchase of *tiny* Westcountry Television, it has gone as far as it can go in commercial broadcasting. Henceforth, expansion will be in cable, satellite and digital pay-TV. With the arrival of so-called multichannel television, pay channels are proliferating. Yet these specialised services will not be a goldmine: they count their viewers in the thousands, not millions. Carlton cannot rely on this market alone to keep its growth rates intact.

The company has other businesses, such as film processing and the production of pre-recorded videos, and they are expanding smartly. But these businesses are smaller than the core TV division and their growth rates are bound to level off sooner or later. Carlton is simply running out of room in its home market. Until it secures a wider market outside the UK, its 20 per cent growth rates cannot be assured.

Kingfisher

LIKE an unruly family, Kingfisher can always count on one of its offspring to let the side down in public. Happily, yesterday's third-quarter trading figures were strong enough overall to allow a little bit of bad behaviour from the French side of the family, Darty, to be overlooked.

B&Q, for so long the problem child, is now the model student. It has taken full advantage of a sharp upswing in do-it-yourself spending and yesterday emerged with a 12.7 per cent increase in like-for-like sales.

Comet's organic sales growth of 13.9 per cent looks impressive and demonstrates that Dixons is not mopping up all the spare consumer cash, but Comet is rising from a very low base.

Even Woolworth — the maiden aunt who usually only comes to life at Christmas — had a strong third quarter, thanks to modernised stores.

This leaves Darty, the French electricals company, as the *enfant terrible.* And even there, in a market plagued with strikes and high unemployment, 0.4 per cent sales growth is not a bad showing. All in all, cheering news: the Kingfisher family is ready for a long-awaited Christmas spending binge.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Dec	886-875	Mar	1010-1009
Mar	934-933	May	n/a
May	953-952	Jul	1034-1030
Jul	969-968	Sep	1049-1040
Sep	988-987		
Dec	998-997	Volume: 6573	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1320-1316	Sep	1248-1245
Mar	1270-1268	Nov	1253-1245
May	1251-1250	Jan	1264-1245
Jul	1245-1240	Volume: 5906	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	295.4-94.5
Spot: 304.0		Dec	296.9-95.9
Mar	298.0-97.4	Mar	299.5-97.0
May	298.0-97.2	May	302.0-99.5
Aug	299.0-98.0	Volume: 982	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 3

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	95.86	136.26	107.55
(+/-)	+0.05	-0.39	-2.89
Eng/Wales	96.04	137.11	107.06
(+/-)	+0.23	+0.05	-1.97
(%)	+69.0	+31.0	+3.0
Scotland:	92.93	132.94	109.34
(+/-)	-2.96	-1.79	-6.85
(%)	+29.0	+59.0	+15.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	24.30	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Jan)	23.90	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Feb)	23.20	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	25.10	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	24.50	+0.40

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	228 (n/c)	230 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	226 (-3)	227 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	121 (-1)	123 (-1)
Naphtha	228 (-2)	230 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	223.75-24.00	Mar	205.75-06.00
Jan	222.25-22.50	Apr	196.75-97.00
Feb	215.00-15.50		Vol: 19361

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	23.89-23.90	Apr	n/a
Feb	23.18-23.19	May	21.39 BID
Mar	22.50-22.54		Vol: 24076

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	94.25	Jan	91.25
Mar	96.25	Mar	92.60
May	97.60	May	93.60
Jul	98.85	Sep	92.50
Sep	92.75	Nov	94.50
Volume: 335		Volume: 127	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	53.5
Apr	64.0	63.5
May	unq	68.5
		Volume: 17

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Dec 81.50-82.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Dec 96	1485	1455	1485
Jan 97	1430	1415	1428
Feb 97	1410	1400	1410
Apr 97	1460	1445	1460
Vol: 296 lots		Open Interest: 3756	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)			Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2360.0-2362.0	3mth: 2195.0-2197.0	Vol: 2346525
Lead ($/tonne)	675.50-676.00	684.00-684.50	191650
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1039.5-1040.0	1062.5-1063.0	601900
Tin ($/tonne)	6035.0-6045.0	6065.0-6086.0	19705
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1504.0-1504.5	1530.5-1531.0	1606000
Nickel ($/tonne)	6750.0-6755.0	6840.0-6845.0	49290

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	420	26½	38½	43½	4	10½	17½
(*437½)	460	7	18	23	25	30½	38½
ASDA	110	10½	12½	15	0½	3	3
(*119)	120	4	7	9	4	7	7
Boots	600	37½	54	63½	3½	10½	18
(*631½)	650	8½	24½	34½	24	31½	41½
Br Airways	550	50½	65½	73½	4½	10½	17
(*594)	600	18	35	43	19½	29½	37½
BP	650	44	57½	69	5½	16½	21½
(*683½)	700	15	29½	41½	26	38½	44½
Br Steel	160	8½	13	17	3	6	10½
(*164½)	180	1	4½	8	16	17½	23
C & W	460	15	29½	38½	12½	20½	25½
(*460)	500	3	13	21½	41	45	52
CU	650	31½	46	51	9½	27	31½
(*667½)	700	8½	22	31	37	57	60½
ICI	750	38½	53	61½	8	26	32
(*776)	800	12	26	36½	31	52½	58½
Land Sec	700	43	58	65½	2	7½	15
(*737)	750	11	26	34	20	26½	37½
M & S	460	35½	46½	53	1½	6	10½
(*491)	500	9	21½	29	15½	21	27½
Nat West	650	53½	63½	70½	3	17½	24
(*695½)	700	19	33	43	19	41	48
Safeway plc	360	24½	36	41	4	10	17
(*378½)	390	7½	19	25	17½	23½	32
Sainsbury	360	14½	25½	30	5½	11	18
(*367)	390	2½	11½	16	24	27½	34½
Shell	950	54	71	78	5	21	27½
(*993½)	1000	21	41½	48	22	43	50½
Smkl Bch	800	36½	57½	71	21½	36½	43½
(*810½)	850	16	35½	47½	49	64	70½
Storehse	300	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	330	0	—	—	0	—	—
Trafalgar	50	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	60	0	—	—	0	—	—
Zeneca	1600	80	121½	140½	20	64	78½
(*1643½)	1700	33	71½	96½	80	116	129
Series		**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**
BAT Ind	460	21	34	40½	11	26½	31
(*469)	500	6	16	23½	35	52	55
Vodafone	240	15	25½	28½	4½	8½	13
(*249½)	260	4½	13	18½	14	18½	23
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Grnd Met	420	39	45½	51½	5	10	15
(*455½)	460	12½	22½	29	22½	28	33
Ladbroke	200	14	18	21	5½	9½	11½
(*207)	220	4½	9½	12	16½	20½	22½
Utd Bisc	200	15	18	21	4	10	12
(*209½)	220	5½	8½	12	15	22	23½

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	33	45	53	2½	8½	13½
(*487)	500	9½	21	29½	17½	25	30½
Thames W	550	28	43½	52½	6½	16	20½
(*567½)	600	5½	19	27½	34½	41	57½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
BTR	220	18½	22½	25½	4½	9½	11
(*231½)	240	7½	12	15½	13	20	21½
Br Aero	1100	60	81	101½	19½	35½	44
(*1120)	1150	32½	54	74	42½	58½	67
Br Telcm	360	26½	34	39½	6	10½	19½
(*385½)	390	10	17½	23	19½	24	35½
Cadbury	500	24½	32½	39½	10½	20	24½
(*509½)	550	5	11	18½	42	51½	55
Guinness	420	40	46	49½	3	10½	13
(*451½)	460	14	21½	27	17½	28½	32
GEC	360	15	24	28½	10	15	21
(*364)	390	4	11	15½	30½	33	39½
Hanson	110	9½	—	—	4	—	—
(*117)	119	4½	—	—	8	—	—
LASMO	200	20	24	32	5½	7	7½
(*214)	220	8½	12½	22	14	16	16
LucasVarity	220	24	24½	33½	4	7½	10½
(*237½)	240	12	18	22½	11	19½	20
Pilkington	140	15	19½	21	2	4	6
(*150½)	160	4½	9	11	11½	13½	16
Prudential	460	41	48½	53	6	14½	19½
(*497½)	500	17½	26	32	22	33½	38
Redland	360	31	39½	40	6	13	17
(*380)	390	14	22½	24	18	28	32½
R-Royce	240	22½	27½	31½	6	9½	12½
(*257½)	260	11	16½	21	14½	19	22
Tesco	330	21	28½	32½	7½	19	18½
(*339½)	360	7½	14	18½	24	31½	35
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
unq	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4045½)

	3900	3950	4000	4050	4100	4150
Calls						
Dec	161½	114½	71½	37	14½	4
Jan	182½	141	102	69½	41½	22
Feb	209	160½	132	99½	71½	47
Mar	219½	182½	147	115½	88	64½
Jun	272	—	208	—	152½	—
Puts						
Dec	5	9½	17	33½	63½	111
Jan	15	23	35½	54	79½	115
Feb	30½	41½	54½	72½	96½	126
Mar	45½	59	74	94	117½	146
Jun	80½	—	121	—	165½	—

Series		Calls Dec	Apr	Jul	Puts Dec	Apr	Jul
Abby Nat	700	17½	41½	50½	8	39½	43
(*707)	750	1½	19½	29½	43½	67	73
Amstrad	140	11	—	—	1½	—	—
(*149½)	160	1½	—	—	12	—	—
Barclays	1000	26	57½	72½	7½	38½	48½
(*1010)	1050	5	32½	49	39½	67½	76½
Natl Pwr	400	48	59	—	0	6	—
(*447)	450	6	25½	—	9	22	—
Series		**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Glaxo W	950	54	57	71	19½	40½	52½
(*958½)	1000	12½	33½	48½	48½	69	80½
HSBC	1300	47	82	109	22	61½	79½
(*1317)	1350	23	57½	84½	48½	89½	106
Reuter	700	24½	43	57	16½	32½	39½
(*703½)	750	7	21	35	48½	61½	68
Royal & Sun	431	27	38½	—	4½	17½	—
(*450½)	469	7	—	—	23	—	—
Series		**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**
Blue Circ	360	18½	28	34½	1	5½	14
(*376½)	390	2	11½	18½	15	19	29½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Kingfishr	650	32	44½	53	19½	33½	39½
(*655)	700	11½	22½	31½	50	63	68½
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Unilever	1350	47	78	88½	2	17	34
(*1391½)	1400	12	46	58	18	36½	50
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Br Gas	200	15	22½	24½	1	6	9½
(*214)	220	2½	11	14½	8	15	19½
Dixons	550	21½	40½	53½	4½	17½	25½
(*566½)	600	2	20	29½	34½	45	52
EMI Group	1350	39½	78	113	9½	39½	53
(*1376)	1400	14	53½	88	33½	64	76½
Tarmac	90	3	7½	9	1½	4	5½
(*91)	100	0	3½	5	9	10	12
Hillsdwn	180	8	14	16½	1	4½	9½
(*186½)	200	0½	4½	7	13½	15½	22
Lonrho	120	7	10½	13½	0½	4½	6
(*126)	130	1½	5½	8½	5	9½	11
Sears	90	5½	—	—	1	—	—
(*94½)	100	1	—	—	6½	—	—
Thorn EMI	1600	51	—	—	4	—	—
(*1641)	1700	4½	—	—	59½	—	—
Tomkins	240	6½	15	20	3½	11	13
(*242½)	260	0½	6½	11½	17½	23	25
Lloyds TSB	420	10	23	32	4½	20	25½
(*424½)	460	0½	8	16	35½	47	51
Scot Pwr	323	17	24½	—	1	9	—
(*339½)	353	1½	11	—	15	25½	—

December 4 1996 Tot: 35346 Call: 14822 Put: 20524 FTSE Call: 6392 Put: 7404
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 66136	Dec 96 Mar 97	4057.0 4077.5	4063.0 4082.5	4040.0 4064.0	4054.0 4075.5	13686 1818
FTSE 250 Previous open interest: 5350	Dec 96 Mar 97				4436.0 4460.0	0 0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 507892	Dec 96 Mar 97 Jun 97	93.55 93.28 93.00	93.57 93.30 93.02	93.54 93.26 92.98	93.55 93.28 93.00	6085 7830 17533
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97 Jun 97	99.45	99.46	99.45	99.46 99.35	511 0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 111242	Dec 96 Mar 97	96.78 96.84	96.80 96.87	96.78 96.83	96.79 96.86	22802 22431
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 169753	Dec 96 Mar 97	111-23 111-03	111-24 111-03	111-06 110-16	111-08 110-19	14134 63368
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96 Mar 97	126.63 126.18	126.66 126.24	126.57 126.15	126.61 126.19	1191 2075
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 279344	Dec 96 Mar 97	102.39 101.50	102.53 101.65	102.25 101.38	102.30 101.47	152656 186004
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 30343	Dec 96 Mar 97	95.85 95.93	95.86 95.93	95.84 95.90	95.84 95.90	991 979
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 89882	Dec 96 Mar 97	97.92 97.95	97.94 97.99	97.81 97.86	97.87 97.91	4326 8356
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 107142	Dec 96 Mar 97	129.50 128.48	129.51 128.69	129.05 128.19	129.13 128.64	14225 42387

MONEY RATES

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 6[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6[illegible]; 3 mth 6[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 6[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6-5[illegible]	6⅛-6	6⅛-6[illegible]	6[illegible]	-
Sterling Money Rates:	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]
Interbank:	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]
Overnight: open 5¾ close 5¾.					
Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6¼	6⅜	6½
Sterling CDs:	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.48	n/a	5.40	5.43	5.55
Building Society CDs:	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¼-4[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5½-5⅜	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2[illegible]	3⅛-3	3⅛-3¼	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
French Franc:	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3⅜-2¾
Swiss Franc:	1⅞-1⅝	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2-1
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS ([illegible])

Bullion: Open $368.70-369.00 Close: $369.70-370.20 High: $371.40-371.90
Low: $368.55-369.15 AM: $370.40 PM: $370.90
Krugerrand: $369.00-372.00 (£225.25-227.25)
Platinum: $374.00 (£228.60) Silver: $4.80 (£2.925) Palladium: $117.00 (£71.50)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for December 4	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8706-2.8899	2.8706-2.8732	[illegible]pr	2¼-2[illegible]pr
Brussels	52.720-53.490	52.727-52.816	17-12pr	46-39pr
Copenhagen	9.7890-9.8660	9.7946-9.8038	2¾-1½pr	7¼-6½pr
Dublin	0.9965-1.0014	0.9976-0.9988	6-2pr	17-11pr
Frankfurt	2.5589-2.5763	2.5592-2.5618	[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-1[illegible]pr
Lisbon	258.00-260.17	258.18-259.50	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Madrid	215.36-216.95	215.39-215.57	6-15ds	1-16ds
Milan	2513.2-2531.6	2515.8-2518.6	21-36ds	38-60ds
Montreal	2.2098-2.2303	2.2121-2.2143	0.64-0.58pr	1.29-1.21pr
New York	1.6374-1.6503	1.6380-1.6390	0.09-0.07pr	0.358-0.327pr
Oslo	10.663-10.747	10.674-10.684	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	8.6420-8.7060	8.6424-8.6506	2[illegible]-1[illegible]pr	6[illegible]-6[illegible]pr
Stockholm	11.124-11.214	11.124-11.147	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Tokyo	185.29-186.91	185.29-185.56	[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-2[illegible]pr
Vienna	18.002-18.134	18.006-18.025	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr
Zurich	2.1656-2.1824	2.1664-2.1691	[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-2[illegible]pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr Discount - ds.*

Australia	1.2507-1.2515
Austria	10.99-11.00
Belgium (Com)	32.20-32.24
Canada	1.3506-1.3511
Denmark	5.9825-5.9845
France	5.2832-5.2852
Germany	1.5632-1.5637
Hong Kong	7.7325-7.7335
Ireland	1.6410-1.6430
Italy	1534.20-1535.70
Japan	113.18-113.28
Malaysia	2.5215-2.5225
Netherlands	1.7536-1.7541
Norway	6.5169-6.5207
Portugal	157.71-157.81
Singapore	1.4027-1.4037
Spain	131.53-131.58
Sweden	6.7922-6.7997
Switzerland	1.3234-1.3244

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6378-1.6405
Australia dollar	2.0490-2.0516
Bahrain dinar	0.6135-0.6255
Brazil real*	1.7003-1.7047
China yuan	13.488-13.768
Cyprus pound	0.7665-0.7765
Finland markka	7.580-7.696
Greece drachma	398.75-405.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.6674-12.6768
India rupee	58.28-59.24
Indonesia rupiah	3821.0-3889.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4880-0.4980
Malaysia ringgit	4.1312-4.1354
New Zealand dollar	2.3008-2.3038
Pakistan rupee	65.35 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9200-6.0440
Singapore dollar	2.2973-2.3015
S Africa rand (com)	7.5950-7.6970
U A E dirham	5.9725-6.0965

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

3i	471	Lloyds TSB	7,700
ASDA Gp	9,400	LucasVarity	16,700
Abbey Ntl	7,100	Marks Spr	3,800
Allied Dom	1,700	NatWst Bk	3,600
Argos	55	Nat Grid	1,500
AB Foods	532	Nat Power	2,100
BAA	3,100	Next	636
BAT Inds	9,000	Orange	420
BOC	1,300	P & O	586
BP	4,200	Pearson	1,600
BSkyB	581	Pilkington	5,900
BTR	22,500	PowerGen	3,200
BT	16,500	Prudential	3,700
Bk of Scot	1,200	RMC	1,100
Barclays	1,000	RTZ	2,700
Bass	1,100	Railtrack	2,100
Blue Circle	4,400	Rank Group	1,300
Boots	1,500	Reckitt Col	172
BAe	2,300	Redland	974
BA	2,300	Reed Intl	349
Brit Gas	5,200	Rentokil Inl	2,000
Brit Steel	4,900	Reuters	3,600
Burmah Cstl	167	Rolls Royce	2,200
Burton	6,600	Royal & Sun	1,600
Cable Wire	5,100	Royal Bk Sct	2,000
Cadbury	1,800	Safeway	3,000
Carlton Cms	2,700	Sainsbury	2,200
Cm Union	3,800	Schroders	55
Courtaulds	5,800	Scot & New	609
Dixons	730	Scot Power	2,700
EMI	752	Svrn Trent	415
Enterpr Oil	916	Shell Trans	3,400
GKN	798	Siebe	2,000
GRE	587	SmKl Bch	1,600
GUS	463	Smith Nph	758
Gen Acc	1,300	Smiths Inds	189
Gen Elec	8,500	Std Chartd	3,000
Glaxo Well	4,300	TI Gp	496
Granada	2,300	Tate & Lyle	1,200
Grand Met	3,000	Tesco	6,800
Guinness	3,500	Thames W	1,700
HSBC	1,000	Tomkins	1,200
Hanson	9,600	Unilever	977
ICI	3,600	Utd Utilities	577
Imp Tob	2,500	Utd News	470
Kingfisher	3,900	Vodafone	7,700
LASMO	246	Whitbread	833
Ladbroke	2,300	Wllms Hld	5,900
Land Secs	672	Wolseley	534
Legal & Gn	1,200	Zeneca	1,200

	Dec 4 midday	Dec 3 close
AMP Inc	37½	37½
AMR Corp	90½	91
ASA	37¾	37½
AT & T	38¾	38½
Abbott Labs	53½	54¼
Advanced Micro	24½	24¾
Aetna Life	72	72
Ahmanson (HF)	31¾	32¼
Air Prod & Chem	69½	69½
AirTouch Comm	25¾	25½
Alberto-Culver B	48¾	47½
Albertson's	35¾	35½
Alcan Alumnm	34¼	34½
Alco Standard	50½	51¼
Allied Signal	69½	69½
Alum Co of Am	62½	63¾
Amax Gold Inc	6¾	6½
Amerada Hess	58½	58¾
Amer Brands	47½	48½
Amer El Power	40¾	40½
Amer Express	51¼	50½
Amer Genl Corp	40½	41
Amer Home Pr	63½	64½
Amer Intl	112	112½
Amer Stores	39½	39¾
Amer Standard	38¾	38¾
Ameritech	58	58¾
Amoco	77½	77½
Anheuser-Busch	41½	41½
Apple Computer	25½	25¾
Archer Daniels	21½	21½
Armco	4½	4½
Armstrng Wrld	73½	73¾
Asarco	26½	26½
Atl Richfield	140½	141¼
Auto Data Pro	42½	42½
Avery Dennison	69½	70½
Avon Products	54	55½
Baker Hughes	36¾	36½
Baltim Gas & El	27	27½
Banc One	45½	45½
BankAmerica	96½	98½
Bank of NY	34½	34½
Bankers Tr NY	85¾	86½
Barnett Banks	41½	42
Bausch & Lomb	36¾	36¾
Baxter Intl	41	41
Bectn Dickinsn	42	42
Bell Atlantic	61	61¼
Bell Industries	21¼	21¼
BellSouth	38½	39
Black & Decker	37¾	37½
Block (H&R)	29½	29½
Boeing	96	96¼
Boise Cascade	31½	31½
Bristol Myrs Sq	113¾	115
Browning Ferris	26½	27
Brunswick	25½	25¾
Burlington Nthn	87¾	87½
CMS Energy Corp	32½	32½
CNA Financial	106¼	106½
CPC Intl	82	82½
CSX	46½	47
Campbell Soup	80½	80½
Can Pacific	27½	27½
Carolina Pwr	36	36½
Caterpillar	77½	77½
Central & SW	26¾	26¾
Champion Intl	43	43½
Chase Manhat	90½	91
Chevron Corp	64½	65¾
Chrysler	34½	35½
Chubb Corp	53½	53½
Cigna Corp	136¾	137½
Citicorp	104½	106½
Clorox	100½	101¾
Coastal Corp	48½	48½
Coca Cola	49½	49¾
Coca Cola Ent	42¾	43½
Colgate-Palmolive	91½	92½
Columbia Gas	65½	64½
ColumbiaHCA	40½	40½
Compaq Comp	81¼	81½
Comp Ass Int	63½	63½
Conagra	51½	52¾
Conrail	96½	96½
Cons Edison	29½	28½
Cons Nat Gas	56	56¾
Cooper Inds	40½	41½
Corestates	51¾	51¼
Corning Inc	42½	42
Crown Cork	52	52¾
Dana Corp	30½	30¾
Dayton Hudson	39½	39½
Deere	42½	43½
Delta Air Lines	79½	75
Deluxe Corp	31½	31½
Digital Equip	39¾	39½
Dillard Dept St	31½	31½
Disney (Walt)	71½	71½
Dominion Res	37½	37½
Donelley (RR)	32½	32¾
Dover Corp	52½	52½
Dow Chemical	82½	82½
Dow Jones	34½	34½
Dresser	31½	32½
Duke Power	48½	48½
Dun & Bradstreet	22½	22¾
Du Pont	93½	98½
Eastman Chem	56½	56½

	Dec 4 midday	Dec 3 close
Eastman Kodak	81¼	81½
Eaton Corp	68½	68½
Edison Intl	19½	19½
Elect Data Sys	47	47½
Emerson Elec	96¼	97
Engelhard Corp	20	20
Enron Corp	45½	45½
Entergy	27½	27½
Ethyl Corp	9	9
Exxon	94½	94½
FMC Corp	75½	75½
FPL Group	45½	45½
Federal Express	43½	43½
Fed Nat Mrtge	38½	39½
First Bk Sys	71½	71½
First Union Rlty	10½	10½
Fleet Fnl Grp	54	54½
Fluor Corp	66¼	67½
Ford Motor	33	33½
GTE Corp	43½	43½
Gannett	75½	77
Gap Inc Del	33	32½
Gencorp	18½	18½
Gen Dynamics	71½	72
Gen Electric	98½	99½
Gen Mills	63½	64
Gen Motors	57½	58½
Gen Reinsurance	163½	165½
Gen Signal	43½	43½
Genuine Parts	45½	45½
Georgia Pac	73	73½
Gillette	72½	72½
Glaxo Welc ADR	31½	31½
Goodrich (BF)	43½	44½
Goodyear Tire	48½	49½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	32	32½
Grnw Wstn Fin	29½	30½
Halliburton	59½	60½
Harcourt General	54	54½
Heinz (HJ)	36½	37½
Hercules	47½	48½
Hershey Foods	47½	47½
Hewlett Packard	55½	54½
Hilton Hotels	28½	29
Home Depot	52½	52½
Homestake Mng	15¾	15½
Honeywell	67½	67½
Household Intl	91½	93
Houston Inds	21½	21½
Humana	19½	19
ITT Corp	45	44½
Illinois Tool	81½	83½
Illinova	26½	26½
INCO	34½	34½
Ingersoll Rand	48½	47½
Inland Steel	19½	18½
Intel Corp	128½	125½
IBM	162½	163½
Intl Flav & Fr	45½	45½
Intl Paper	41½	41½
James River Va	32½	32½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	51½	51½
Kellogg	65½	66½
Kerr-McGee	70½	71½
Kimberly-Clark	95½	95½
Kmart	11½	11½
Knight-Ridder	39½	40½
Lilly (Eli)	74½	76½
Limited Inc	18½	18½
Lincoln Nat	51½	52½
Litton	47½	47
Liz Claiborne	42	42½
Lockheed Martin	89½	90
Louisiana Pac	22½	22½
MCI Comm	30½	30½
Marriott Int	54½	55
Marsh & McLnn	111½	112
Masco Corp	35½	35½
May Dept St	49½	49½
Maytag Corp	19½	19½
McDonalds	46	45½
McDonnell D	52½	52½
McGraw Hill	43½	44½
Mead Corp	58½	59½
Medtronic	63½	64½
Mellon Bk	70½	70½
Merck Inc	80	81
Merrill Lynch	77½	78½
Microsoft	154½	154½
Minnesota Mine	87½	86½
Mobil Corp	121½	121½
Monsanto	38½	38½
Morgan (JP)	91½	91½
Motorola Inc	55½	55½
Natl Semi	25½	26
Natl Service Ind	38½	38½
Navistar Int	9½	9½
NY Times A	37½	38½
Newmont Mng	45½	45½
Niag Mohawk	8½	8½
Nike B	56	55½
NL Industries	10½	10½
Noram Energy	15½	15½
Nordstrom	44½	44½
Norfolk Sthrn	87½	89
Nthn State Pwr	46½	46½
Norwest Corp	44½	45½
Nynex Corp	45½	45½
Occidental Pet	23½	23½
Ohio Edison	22½	23

	Dec 4 midday	Dec 3 close
Oracle	48	49½
Oryx Energy Co	20½	20½
Overseas Ship	16½	16½
Owens Corning	41½	42½
PHH Corp	43½	42½
PPG Industries	60½	60½
PNC Bank	38½	38½
PP&L Res	23½	23½
Paccar Inc	68½	68½
Pacificorp	20½	20½
Pac Enterprises	30½	30½
Pac Gas & Elec	23½	23
Pac Telesis	36½	36½
Pall Corp	25½	25½
Parker Hannifin	40½	40½
Peco Energy	24½	25
Penney (JC)	53½	53½
Pennzoil	58½	56½
Pepsico	30	29½
Pfizer	83½	85½
Pharm & Upjhn	38½	38½
Phelps Dodge	70½	71½
Philip Morris	104	103½
Phillips Pet	44½	44½
Pitney Bowes	58½	59½
Polaroid	41½	42½
PriceCostco	23½	23½
Procter & Gmbl	105½	104½
Providian	53½	52½
Pub Serv E & G	28½	28½
Quaker Oats	36½	37½
Ralston-Purina	73½	75½
Raychem Corp	84½	84½
Raytheon	50½	51
Reebok Intl	39½	39½
Reynolds Metals	57½	58½
Rockwell Intl	61½	62½
Rohm & Haas	80	79½
Royal Dutch	164½	166
Rubbermaid	24	24
SBC Comms	51½	51½
Safeco Corp	40½	41½
St Paul's Cos	59	59½
Salomon Inc	44½	45
Sara Lee Corp	38½	38½
Schering Plough	67½	69½
Schlumberger	103½	102½
Seagram	40	40
Sears Roebuck	49½	50½
Shell Trans	99½	98½
Sherwin Wlms	55½	55½
Signet Corp	26½	26½
Snap-On-Tools	36½	36
Southern Co	22	22½
Sprint Corp	40½	40½
Stanley Works	29½	29½
Sun Company	24½	24½
Sun Microsys	59	59½
Suntrust	49½	49½
Supervalu	29½	29½
Sysco Corp	33½	33½
TRW Inc	96½	96½
TCC Inds	1½	1½
Tandem Comp	14½	14½
Tandy Corp	42½	42½
Temple Inland	54	54½
Tenneco	51½	51½
Texaco	99½	99½
Texas Inst	66½	66½
Texas Utilities	40½	40½
Textron	94½	95
Time Warner	40	40½
Times-Mirror A	51½	51½
Timken	44½	45½
Torchmark	50½	50½
Toys R Us	34½	34½
Transamerica	79½	79½
Travelers	43½	43½
Tribune	84½	83½
Tyco Int	53½	54½
UST Inc	32½	32½
UAL	58½	57½
US Inds	31½	32½
US West Comm	30½	30½
USX Marathon	23½	24
Unicom	26½	26½
Unilever NV	168	168½
Union Camp	49½	49½
Union Carbide	44½	45½
Union Pacific	58½	57½
Unisys Corp	7½	7½
USAIR Group	23½	24½
USF&G Corp	19½	19½
US Life	30½	30½
United Tech	135½	130½
Unocal Corp	41	41½
VF Corp	69½	69½
WMX Tech	35½	36
Wal-Mart Stores	26	26
Warner-Lambert	69½	70½
Wells Fargo	279½	279½
Westinghouse El	18½	18½
Weyerhaeuser	47½	48½
Whirlpool	48½	48½
Whitman	23½	23½
Winn-Dixie	33½	33
Woolworth	23½	23½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	56½	57½
Xerox	49½	49½
Yellow Corp	14½	14½

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

US accolade for Lloyd's

A CHANGE of heart from across the pond, where David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, has been hailed "insurance leader of the year". A number of British companies have been invited to join the board of trustees at The College of Insurance at a celebratory dinner on January 30 in New York. What a turnround to hear the US commend a chairman of Lloyd's of London for his "outstanding leadership in meeting the challenges of rebuilding and renewing Lloyd's". Makes a change from all the lawsuits.

THE latest person to leave Panmure Gordon since the takeover by Westdeutsche Landesbank is Christopher Wilkinson. The former joint head of corporate finance is on gardening leave, as of last Friday, before he heads off to join Kleinwort Benson.

Sack on offer

BROWN & ROOT, responsible for the Ealing refuse service, ran away with the "Scrooge of the Year" award yesterday from the GMB union. The US company earned the accolade after presenting 400 refuse collectors with the choice of a £1,500 pay cut, or the sack. So far, the GMB has distributed 100,000 bright orange refuse sacks to Ealing residents — with the slogan "Sack Brown & Root not your workforce" — which a GMB Santa Clause will pick up tomorrow.

"Says here you're creating 7,000 new jobs"

Buttoned up

A MARRIAGE made in the costume department . . . Angels & Bermans has bought Wig Creations for about £100,000. Since 1836, Angels has been providing costumes for theatre productions, and latterly for makers of TV programmes and films, while Wig Creations topped off the cast of *Star Wars*. The two companies are expected to join hands under one roof, at the central office of Angels in Cambridge Circus, London.

How we tick

YET another lengthy questionnaire lands on my desk, this time from Image Survey International. In its quest for "a vital British point of view", the market research company that is owned by Taloustukimus Oy, based in Finland, offers a strange reward for filling in the numerous boxes. I am still deliberating whether to go for the information pack on the traditions of the sauna, accompanied with genuine Finnish sauna soap, or the traditional Finnish ligonberry conserve, fresh from Finland's green forests.

Money men from Warburgs, Merrill Lynch, Salomons and Credit Lyonnais, to name but a hungry few, turned up in a state of high anticipation to last night's investor evening at Berkeley Playhouse. The coyly named table dancing club, London's first, has been inundated with cheques. Be warned — rolls of film from the Dover Street event are already in circulation.

MORAG PRESTON

By George, a £200m court case threatens company pensions

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

A most unusual case is being prepared for the High Court. In it, the Government will sue itself in the hope that it can get out of a ruling made by its own watchdog. The Government's higher purpose is to save taxpayers' money. If it wins — or should that read loses — it will heroically keep down the pensions of 80,000 relatively low-paid workers, many of whose working lives it has already wrecked in the cause of a theoretical experiment.

The notice issued the day after the Budget was cagily headed "Government offers to pay legal costs in NBC pensions case". Via the usual written parliamentary question, Sir George Young, Transport Secretary, offered public funds (within limits) to pay the legal costs of National Bus Company pension fund trustees, should they wish to ask the High Court whether the Government should repay the surplus from an NBC pension fund. That surplus is now reckoned to be worth £200 million.

The letter conveying Sir George's offer gives the game away. It is sent from the Department of Transport, Marsham Street, to Andrew Murray, chief trustee, care of the Department of Transport, Marsham Street. Mr Murray is a senior DoT civil servant, one of whose duties was to act as trustee for the long-defunct fund.

National Bus was the state-owned English bus network. Between 1985 and 1988, it was privatised in an unusual way. NBC was broken into 80 small pieces, many sold to management for peanuts. The pension funds and the company were wound up in 1990-91, when the DoT took over residual assets and liabilities.

As we now know, the bus experiment was largely a waste of time and public money. The pieces were to inhabit a bright new world of free and wholesome competition. Instead, a handful of monopolistic firms have painstakingly been put back together by takeover bids or failures, thanks occasionally to behaviour that a fed-up Monopolies and Mergers Commission once described as "predatory, deplorable and against the public interest".

If taxpayers got a bad deal, bus workers fared worse. Over eight years, the MMC found that bus drivers' pay fell an average 12 per cent in real terms. The National Audit Office found that proceeds of privatisation were so low that the biggest return came from the Government pocketing the surpluses on NBC pension funds. No wonder Francis Wheeler, a Lancashire busworker since retired on £170 a month, complained to the former ombudsman in 1991 after the DoT pocketed £168 million.

In September this year Julian Farrand, the new ombudsman, directed the trustees "to take, without delay, all practicable steps to obtain the return of monies paid from the scheme's fund in breach of trust" plus interest. There is no appeal from the ombudsman except on a point of law. Mr Murray asked the DoT for its proposals. He did not receive a cheque by return.

Normally, in such a case, Dr Farrand would direct the company or employer to pay up. The DoT would then have had a month to appeal. But the ombudsman only received that power in April 1991, a month after Mr Wheeler's complaint. So the Government has arranged to take an action against itself via a new trustee supplied by the Official Solicitor, in what Sir George hopes will be "as co-operative and speedy manner as possible". Oddly, this prevents the ombudsman from defending his judgment as party to the case.

Why appoint a watchdog or regulator if you do not accept his findings, as ministers constantly advise business people to do? Perhaps the Treasury thinks that Dr Farrand, though seemingly a sound man, became crazed with his powers and set himself up as a Robin Hood of the pensions forest. But no. Dr Farrand was appointed because of his previous record as insurance ombudsman. Peter Lilley, Social Services Secretary, wanted an active champion at a time when confidence in occupational pensions was at a dismal low.

The ombudsman complained in his last annual report of rising delays and expense because too many people were appealing, no doubt on the advice of the lawyers whose opinions his rulings rejected. There are 44 court appeals outstanding. Sir George now says "the department's accounting officer would need to know conclusive reasons for making the payment". If an ombudsman's direction is not enough authority to pay public money, anyone in the private sector will surely be advised not to meet an award before appealing.

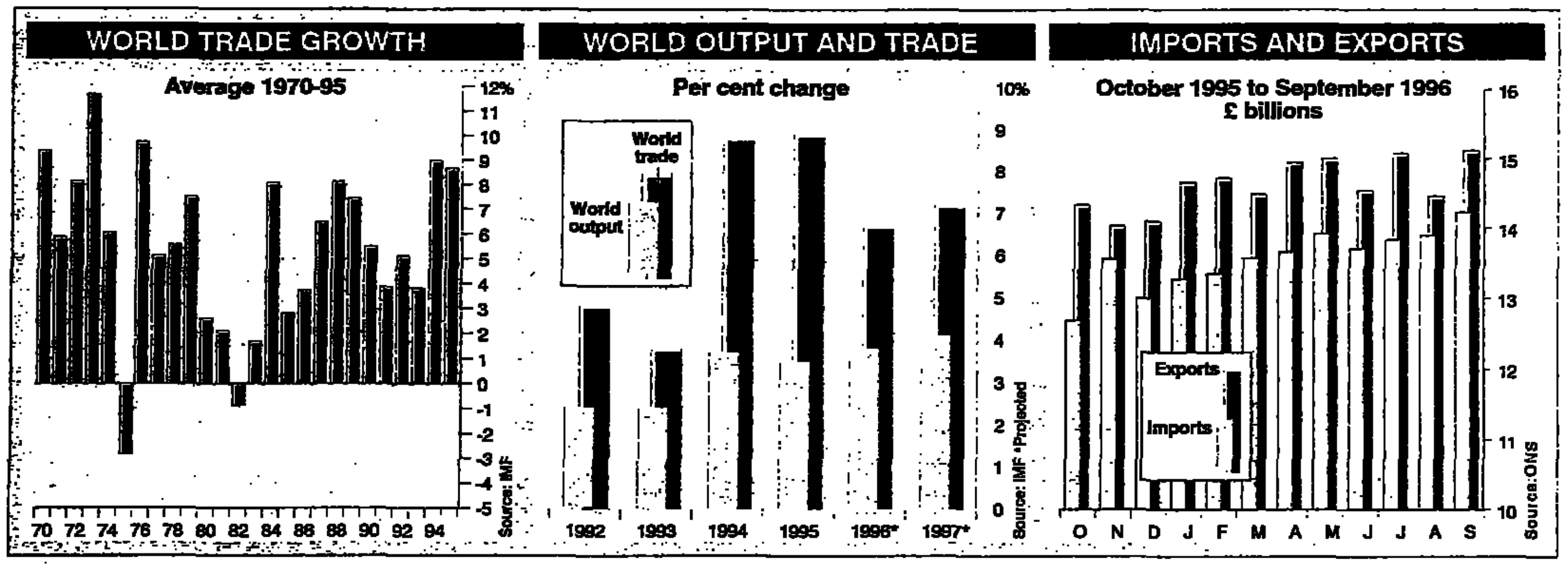
Like many a grasping 1980s employer, the Government just wants the surplus. People are being paid secure pensions, rails Sir George. Why should they also get "the windfall, from public money, that repayment of the surplus would represent?"

Dr Farrand's judgment explains why. When National Bus was broken up and the scheme wound up, ministers refused to guarantee members' pension rights in annuities purchased, even though actuaries said the fund had a healthy surplus. Instead, the state company board gave the trustees an ultimatum. It would stop contributions until the surplus disappeared, unless they settled for a slightly cheaper version of preserved benefits and changed the trust deed so that any surplus in a winding-up would go to the company instead of members. No one who has been one will be surprised that the trustees caved in to such heavy pressure. Dr Farrand ruled that NBC had breached its trust.

The ombudsman recently won a seemingly similar case over a Hillsdown pension scheme. Mr Justice Knox found that the company put undue pressure on trustees to change the rules so that it could pocket a surplus. Hillsdown merely damaged its already dim image. If the Government avoids repayment, the ultimate loser will be the occupational pension scheme movement it is so keen to promote.

Philip Bassett analyses the issues at the first ministerial summit of the WTO in Singapore

Free traders pursue the great prize



Government ministers, their advisers and business organisation officials from around the world will today begin packing their bags to head for Singapore with the aim of setting clear priorities for global free trade.

For British companies Singapore may seem more than half a world away from their own concerns. But Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, says: "Free trade is the essential underpinning. Open markets create opportunties for growth, investment and employment.

"They keep up the competitive pressure on firms and improve efficiency. They give exporting firms the potential to increase sales and to take advantage of economies of scale. At home, they mean lower prices, and greater choice."

Mr Lang, who faced close questioning on free trade in the Commons yesterday, will lead the UK's delegation to the first ministerial summit of the World Trade Organisation — the international body provides for agreement on trade relations between 150 countries.

The WTO succeeded the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), but differs significantly from it. It is a permanent, fully staffed body, not just little more than a set of rules. It also has a wider remit, covering areas such as services and intellectual property as well as trade in goods.

Based in Geneva, the WTO was formed on January 1 last year as one of the outcomes of the seven-year "Uruguay round" of trade talks. It continued the pattern since Gatt was set up in 1947 of reducing trade protection at borders by cutting tariffs. The Uruguay round is set to lead to a 40 per cent cut in developed countries' tariffs on industrial production. While the Uruguay round barely touched some key areas like agricultural protectionism, its inclusion of services is seen as vital, and UK ministers like Mr Lang are fond of making far-reaching claims for it: that ten years after its completion, its effect could boost world trade by up to 24 per cent, and world incomes by more than $500 billion annually.

In overall terms, as the illustrations indicate, world trade has over the past decade grown faster than world output, fuelled by trade liberalisation and particularly the development of regional liberalisation arrangements, such as the European single market — probably the single most ambitious liberalisation package in the world. While both the IMF and the OECD are forecasting a fall in world trade growth this year, they see it accelerating modestly next year and after.

Singapore will see a number of clashes, but a fundamental one is between countries which want to see a consolidation of the Uruguay round, and others which want further progress. Britain is divided: the Government wants to push on, but business wants to hold fire.

Mr Lang says: "Some countries have said that the digestion of the Uruguay round results is all they can cope with. I want to make very clear that that is not enough. We must drive the agenda forward." But in a strategy paper to the Government, the CBI said: "Business needs pragmatic liberalisation, which means consolidating existing achievements before setting new goals." CBI leaders are wary about the objectives already flagged by Mr Lang: a new work programme for the WTO, a new trade round at the end of the century, to be completed by 2010, and full global free trade by 2020. Business leaders believe that such specific dates may prove counterproductive in the slow consensual dance of world trade negotiations.

Privately, UK ministers accept that little immediate progress towards these goals will be made in Singapore, though in a pre-Singapore conference today Mr Lang will highlight the kind of liberalisation that he would like the world to emulate, such as privatisation. But Britain will press hard in Singapore on a number of other issues: if a new and substantial work programme is not obtainable, ministers believe that the WTO conference will build on President Clinton's recent deal with 18 Asia Pacific countries and strike a new liberalising agreement on information technology.

Britain wants to see two other outcomes: progress on talks to liberalise basic telecommunications, where talks are set to conclude in February, and no progress at all on what is likely to be the most contentious issue at Singapore: international labour standards.

First raised by the US, with the support of the European Union, as far back as 1987, the idea of a social clause, under which trade deals and sanctions would be linked to minimum employment standards, is highly controversial.

Those in favour, including the US, Norway and the EU, argue that a political declaration on minimum labour standards is vital to maintain support for a system of multilateral trade in industrialised countries where many employees feel under threat from foreign low-wage competition. Countries against, including India, Indonesia, Malaysia and the UK, all believe that their lower labour costs give them a comparative advantage against competitor economies.

Yeoh Chow Tong, Singapore's Trade Minister, who will chair the conference, says that, unresolved, the issue could become "a stumbling block to progress on all other issues". Even compromise proposals, promoted by the EU among others, for a working party on the issue now seem unlikely to be accepted. In Britain, where organisations like Oxfam support a working party, some companies are already moving on it, such as C&A, J Sainsbury and Body Shop.

If Labour is elected, Britain's stance may change. Stuart Bell, Labour's Shadow Trade Minister, said: "If we win, that will change the balance of power in the EU, and from that in the WTO." An internal Labour document, *New Labour and the WTO*, makes clear that Labour will push for a social clause — but not at the expense of introducing covert protectionism for industrialised countries.

Away from the thorny social issues, British business wants the WTO to emulate the OECD's work on international investment rules, with Japan also backing moves to ensure that outside firms get similar treatment to national investors in all WTO member countries.

Other vexed issues include trade and the environment, American feet-dragging over financial services and slow progress on textiles and agriculture. WTO members are also anguishing over the growth of bilateral regional trade arrangements and the potential impact of new WTO members, such as China, Taiwan and Russia.

Business in Britain is cautious about "overstretching" the WTO, insisting to the Government that the WTO's work must be "realistic and achieveable". Singapore will see some hard talking, tough bargaining and devious manipulating as countries angle for positions. As Mr Lang says: "The pursuit of free trade is never easy. But the prize is great."

Adding a touch of fizz to the Christmas office party

Morag Preston checks out the scenes and themes for a bash

JOANNA PLUMBE

Companies are keen to ensure party night is one to remember

The office Christmas party is the boss's chance to thank his staff en masse. Outside the office, however, colleagues can be at their most critical.

A tray of indifferent vol-au-vents, or a three-course meal with mundane conversation, is meagre fuel for a successful next year. So, in a desperate bid to win loyalty, companies are taking every opportunity to make sure that theirs is a night to remember.

Twenty four hours after the news of Nick Leeson's huge losses broke, Barings was on the phone to Planit Events, the London party organiser, to confirm that its Christmas party would go ahead.

Simmons & Simmons, NatWest Markets, Coopers & Lybrand, Charterhouse, Société Générale and Merrill Lynch have since followed suit, hosting staff parties on the site of the former Spitalfields market. Run by Will and Di Bailey, a husband and wife team, this year's party theme is Venetian masquerade. "It's like going to a play — it's extremely theatrical," Mr Bailey says.

Selling the idea of hosting a party for 1,500 on the site of a former market as opposed to the comfort of one of the Park Lane hotels was not easy. "Venues like these have a reputation — if anything goes wrong they can easily blame the hotel," says Mr Bailey, who organised a May Ball for 1,700 during his student days at Cirencester. "Numbers excite me, they never frighten me," he boasts after 15 years celebrating the festive season at the Grosvenor House.

He puts down the success of his parties to their widespread appeal. "It all sounds great that you're going to put the chairman next to the postboy and that they're going to get on for two hours over dinner," he says. "But by the time the dancing starts, they're in no mood to enjoy themselves, so they go to the bar, have far too much to drink, and then you get problems." Instead, Planit spends £150,000 every season, setting up bars, buffets, entertainers, dodgems and dance floors. Guests are whizzed by taxi from work to marquee and a welcoming glass of buck's fizz. Some head straight for the dodgems. "They're a wonderful ice-breaker," says Mr Bailey, adding that John Bolsover, then Baring chief executive, could not be prised from them. Planit's events are all inclusive. For £45 a head, guests are fed (3,000 chickens a season) and can help themselves to any amount of wine or beer (6,000 gallons a season). There is also a pay bar for those who prefer spirits.

Occasionally a gatecrasher or "ruffian" has to be ejected. One excited employee climbed a palm tree at an Arabian Nights party and tried to set it alight. Worst of all, says Mr Bailey, was the year that a company forgot to deliver the beer for a party for De Beers; it turned up two hours later.

Increasing the tax limit for staff entertainment from £50 to £75 last year has made an enormous difference, says Mr Bailey. "It gives us a lot more scope and companies have a lot more choice." So far themes have included pantomime and circus. Treasure Island is pencilled in for next year.

Between November 28 and December 20, Planit Events will host a party every night. In February it will start taking bookings for next year.

By the millennium, the Baileys hope to be catering for parties of a quarter of a million people; they are opening a site half a mile from Liverpool Street station.

Since the company started at the end of the recession, organising parties for about 800 people, it has watched the competition creep up. Christmas Events, The Ultimate Experience, and Elegant Days, whose themes have included "The Night it Snowed in Rio" and "Gatecrash the Kremlin", all organise gigantic office get-togethers.

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Williams completes disposals

By Clare Stewart

WILLIAMS HOLDINGS, the diversified industrial group, has completed its disposal programme with the £360 million sale of 15 UK building products businesses, including well-known brands such as Rawlplug and Swish.

The sale will eliminate Williams' net borrowings, and a substantial acquisition spree now looks likely.

The businesses sold off include Amdega and Valor gas fires as well as Rawlplug and Swish. They have been acquired by a management buyout backed by a venture capital team led by Candover Investments.

The sale will result in an exceptional profit of £90 million. Williams is to reinvest £57 million in the group, and will retain a 26 per cent stake in the new company, which is to be called Newmond.

Roger Carr, Williams chief executive, said the deal had achieved an excellent price. "It represents an exit multiple of 17 times and 1.4 times sales." The disposal, which had been expected, completes Williams' restructuring. Sir Nigel Rudd, chairman of Williams, said: "The sale clearly demonstrates our commitment to focusing on businesses with international potential."

The 15 businesses, which employ 3,000 people, last year generated sales of £266 million with profits before tax of £32 million.

Mike Davies, a main board director of Williams, is heading the management buyout. On completion of the deal, he said 70 senior managers will have a combined stake of 15 per cent. The venture capital group, which is investing £55 million, will hold 59 per cent. Mr Carr ruled out further disposals.

City analysts praised the deal but trimmed their 1997 profit forecasts to around £250 million. Williams shares closed up 5p at 344½p.

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JULIAN HERBERT

Alan Elliot, chairman of Blick, is retaining plans for £2m spending on organic growth

Blick at slowest for six years

By Fraser Nelson

THE absence of an autumn boom held back profits at Blick, which assembles clocking systems, radio pagers and security cameras, resulting in the slowest growth rate for six years. Blick said that no improvement was imminent.

The company, chaired by Alan Elliot, said the sales surge which normally happens in August failed to materialise in the year to September 30. This left pretax profits only 8 per cent up at £15.3 million on sales 13 per cent up at £56.8 million.

A final of 9.5p, due April 2, makes 14p for the year (13p). The City had expected slightly worse after Blick's profits warning in October, and its shares rose to 354p yesterday, from a four-year 349p low.

The results were buoyed from a first-time £1.57 million from PAC International, the swipecard access company which Blick bought for £11.4 million in January. However, the money to fund the deal forced its total loan to £23 million (£12.4 million), taking gearing to 97 per cent. Blick stillplans a record £2 million spend on organic growth this year.

Confident Vardon in shape

By Alasdair Murray

SHARES in Vardon, the leisure group, jumped 7½p to 88p yesterday after the company revealed that second-half trading had exceeded expectations.

Vardon said that the health and fitness division had performed especially well but that all its businesses had benefited from the improvement in consumer confidence. Membership income from the health and fitness division, which includes the Metropolitan Clubs acquired for £40 million in July, rose 22 per cent.

The attractions division, which includes sites such as the London Dungeon and the National Sea Life Centre, enjoyed a 4 per cent increase in the number of visitors. Vardon said a management reorganisation in the division was complete and it would be expanding the London Dungeon site now that Jubilee Line work had finished.

Admissions to the company's bingo clubs were flat, on a like-for-like basis, against a background of a general decline in the sector. Revenues rose 4 per cent and the company said that improvement in first-half performance had been maintained.

Fisher nets P&O tankers for £38m

JAMES FISHER AND SONS, the shipping and port services company, is acquiring P&O Tankships Holdings, part of P&O's bulk shipping division for a total of £38.8 million. The consideration comprises a cash payment of £19.2 million and the assumption of debts of £19.6 million. The purchase will be partly funded by a one-for-one rights issue of new shares at 120p each. Existing shares were suspended at 145p yesterday, pending shareholder approval of the acquisition at an extraordinary meeting on December 27.

In 1995 P&O Tankships, which operates 13 ships, earned operating profits of £2.6 million on turnover of £41.8 million. In the nine months to September 30, operating profits were £2.64 million on turnover of £32.4 million. James Fisher has forecast a final dividend of 1.5p a share, lifting the total to 2.5p (2p). The company said that trading since the end of June had been encouraging.

TGI increases dividend

PRE-TAX profits at TGI, the loudspeaker systems group, rose 24 per cent to £1 million in the half-year to September 30 and the interim dividend is increased to 1.15p from 1p. Earnings rose to 3.9p a share from 3.3p. The company, best known for its Tannoy speakers, said the launch of new products augured well for the peak Christmas selling season. TGI hopes to sign a contract to supply speakers to Peugeot, the French carmaker, shortly.

Jobs boost in Newport

KYUSHU Matsushita Electric of Japan yesterday announced expansion plans at Newport, South Wales. The company is investing £11 million and creating 100 new jobs to make a new line of digitally enhanced mobile phones. The move will also safeguard the company's existing 110 workers. 100 jobs will also be created in the insurance sector in Newport after HSBC Gibbs announced expansion plans in the town.

Hadleigh up by 45%

HADLEIGH, a maker of industrial storage tanks, improved its interim pre-tax profits by 45 per cent to £953,000. Sales in the six months to September 27 were 19 per cent higher at £15.2 million. Operating profits of just short of £1 million represented an improved return on sales of 6.5 per cent. Hadleigh has net cash of £1.4 million, and is continuing to invest in its manufacturing facilities. The interim dividend, to be paid on January 10, rises 29 per cent to 2.25p a share.

Victoria seeks to buy

VICTORIA Carpet Holdings, which makes Axminster carpets, reported a pre-tax profit of £2 million for the six months to September 30, a jump from only £22,000 last year. Most of the improvement came from a £1.8 million insurance payout on a fire at its Castlemaine spinning mill in Australia. Operating profits improved 10 per cent to £400,000. The company is seeking acquisitions in the UK and expects borrowings to rise. There is no interim dividend.

Leigh suffers decline

LEIGH INTERESTS, the waste management company, suffered a decline in pre-tax profits to £3.6 million from £4.2 million in the six months to September 28. The fall would have been greater but for a £200,000 exceptional profit on the sale of Leigh's Hartlepool depot. Turnover fell to £55 million from £60.6 million and earnings per share were 3.6p a share (4.4p). Leigh will pay an unchanged interim dividend of 1.23p a share on January 30.

Calluna rights issue

CALLUNA, the miniature disk drive manufacturer, is raising £4.7 million through a rights issue to fund the development of a new disk drive range. New shares are offered at 50p each, on the basis of two new shares for every 11 held. Existing shares fell 5p to 53½p yesterday. The company also reported an increase in losses to £2 million from £1.6 million in the half-year to September 30. Losses were 3.7p a share (2.9p loss). Again there is no interim dividend.

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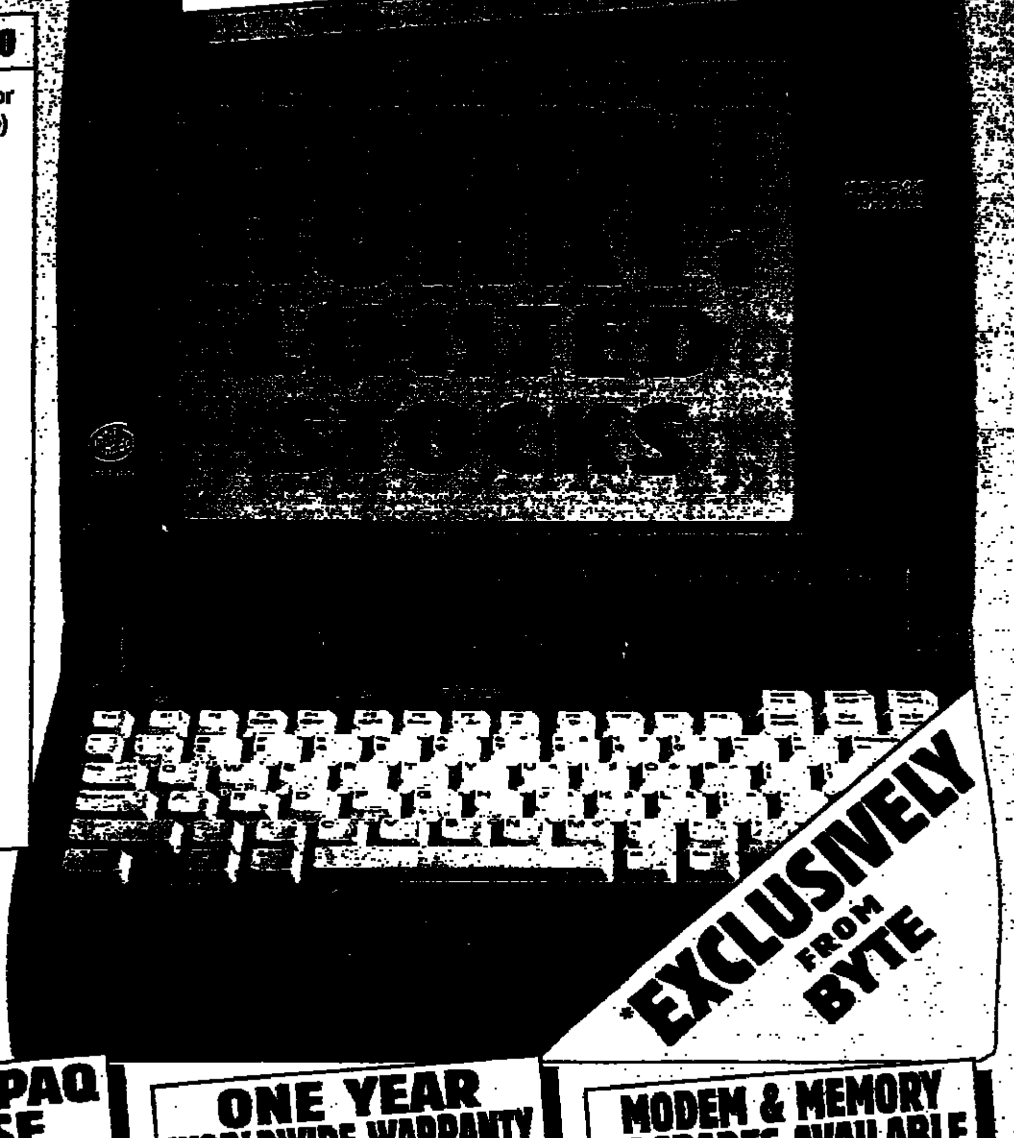

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Bank on sound supervision

David Mallett points to a need for some forceful application by supervisors of the banking rulebook

Just for now, banking supervision is of more than usual interest, with the Governor of the Bank of England appearing before the Commons Treasury Committee as his supervisors roll out recommendations of the Arthur Andersen report and the review of banking supervision.

Twenty-five years ago, banking supervision was a visit from a man in a top hat who asked a few questions. Ten years ago, the management of regulatory relationships would not have been high on a list of a bank's tasks. Today, they observe regulatory requirements punctiliously and seek constructive supervisory relationships.

I realised supervision was a serious business soon after joining the Bank's embryonic supervisory team in 1975. But then, banking transactions were simpler, and there were organisational and management continuity, checks and balances and well-oiled procedures. Nevertheless, failures of the mid-1970s were a watershed, with bankers getting it so wrong that they not only lost their own bank but put their country's system at risk.

The changes at the Bank relate to supervisory standards, processes and aims, systematic risk assessment, stronger supervisory tools, reinforcing the supervisory team and quality assurance.

The Deputy Governor got to the heart of the process in the first issue of *Financial Stability Review* since the changes, saying: "Management competence is a crucial ingredient of sound banking. Supervisors must know senior management well enough to be able to make informed judgments about their competence. That cannot be done by rulebook-based examiners focusing on compliance."

He acknowledges that it risks charges of "cronyism, the cosy chats, the old school tie attitude" but in my experience there is none of that now and there was none during my time at the Bank. However, if this regulatory tool is to be used, the Bank must think hard about what is going on at the top of banks.

The key is still the right top team, the right direction and the right culture. However, recent articles in the *Financial Regulator* show that the debate about banking supervision is only beginning.

Thomes Hoenig argues that changes in the financial markets, globalisation, complex new activities and financial instruments mean that the traditional approach will not work. He suggests a two-tier system where those engaged in complex activities are safeguarded by secure payments systems and lower inter-bank risk but give up access to government safety nets and depositor protection in return for less regulation. Regulators would concentrate on traditional banks, serving the wider public.

ANDRÉ CAMARA

David Mallett shows the supervision debate is just beginning

Michael Taylor offers four options: greater emphasis on assessing risk management systems; more emphasis on market disciplines, arising from greater disclosure; Mr Hoenig's radical approach underwriting banks with private sector "cross-guarantees".

Charles Goodhart records the expense of close and detailed supervision and that bank failures are generally not caused by the failed control mechanisms but the failure to operate them. He acknowledges the quality of management is crucial but suggests that because it is subjective and without objective measure, it is difficult for supervisors to condition their judgments on it.

I am not sure that I agree. Every chairman and every chief executive makes judgments about the quality of the board and top management. They remove poor performers and those unwilling to live by the company's risk appetite and controls. Perhaps then, the possibility of a forceful application by the supervisors of the Banking Act rules and its own guidelines and some courageous judgment calls, made by supervisors, could mean that the Bank would not have to return to the Treasury Committee to explain another bank failure.

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Comparability and no fudge, please

THE revolution that has given us a report and accounts from two of the "Big Six" accountancy firms was supposed to make things clearer. This week's publication of figures from Ernst & Young is a considerable improvement on the report produced by KPMG back in January.

However, what none of this has done is make the substance of the top accountancy firms, as a group, clearer to the outside world. If anything, the picture is getting murkier. This year we have had something approaching full accounts from KPMG and E&Y, a glossy report with a few paragraphs of figures hidden away in the back from Coopers & Lybrand, basic fee-income figures from Arthur Andersen and from Deloitte & Touche, and a deathly silence and no figures of any sort from Price Waterhouse.

There are three pressures on firms to publish. The general expectation of the public is there. The Government has dropped hints that if it does come up with a formula to allow limited liability partnerships, a quid pro quo would be full disclosure. And there is the third — and most compelling — reason, cited by Nick Land, E&Y's unfeasibly youthful senior partner. If you are effectively running a change management programme within the firm and emphasising openness, you can hardly keep the financial figures secret.

ROBERT BRUCE

In the past, there was an annual league table for the "Big Six" and medium-size firms. It was rough and ready. Figures were restated to a common year-end. Peculiar inclusions and exclusions distorted them. And they showed only fee income. There was no word on profitability. But once KPMG went public, the others decided to abandon the league table.

So, if anything, we now have less information, certainly less comparable information. But these are early days. With firms such as Stoy Hayward and, tomorrow, Pannell Kerr Forster publishing figures too, the movement is on its way. Sooner rather than later, all firms wanting a significant role in the market will publish full figures.

We can only hope that, by then, someone will have sorted out a common basis for them to do so. E&Y was at pains to point out that its remuneration figures were much more truthful than those of KPMG earlier in the year because E&Y is an integrated national partnership, whereas KPMG still has regional fiefdoms and a strange, and soon to be abandoned, "general partnership".

The result is that it is hard to compare E&Y and KPMG. Take remuneration. KPMG pulled in the consultant Heidrick & Struggles to calculate a notional executive remuneration figure, to which were added pensions contributions and "proprietorship profit". E&Y has, more simply, shown the profit share, the pension contribution and the interest partners receive on their capital in the firm. Even this hardly gives an accurate figure. Most partners, particularly younger ones, will have a net borrowing position on their capital in the firm. They will have borrowed around £100,000 from a bank and will be paying interest on it at, says Land, base rate plus one and a quarter points. The partnership pays interest back on this capital to partners of base rate plus one point. So, showing interest paid to partners alone does not tell the full story.

In E&Y, the bulk of the partners earned a basic profit share of £100,000 to £200,000. The equivalent figure for KPMG was rather less. But that is largely because we are trying to compare apples with railway stations. You cannot make the sort of comparisons taken for granted in, say, the retail business.

One thing that is clear, though, is that the traditions of the firm continue. In the old Whinney Murray days, partnership earnings did not stretch from a hugely-paid senior partner down to a lowly-paid junior partner. There was a bunching of similarly-paid partners and no great disparity from top to bottom. That seems to be continuing. The figure for KPMG's senior partner, Colin Sharman, of £740,000 is quite dramatic against Nick Land's relatively modest £420,000.

What is now needed is for as many of the other firms as possible to show a bit of courage and produce their own reports and accounts. The only way current confusion can be sorted out is by the normal process of any system of disclosure. The more information the outside world is shown, the better it will be analysed and understood. That process will shape the form and substance of future disclosures. Nick Land said: "We have sought to fudge nothing," which is an unusual thing for an accountant to say. With future changes in legal structures for professional firms and change looming on litigation, it is a principle that other senior partners will have to embrace.

Innovation in citation

AT THE launch of Ernst & Young's report and accounts there was much talk of its new global initiative called "Audit Innovation". This is due to be rolled out to clients next year. But a few have already been used as guinea pigs. One of these was cited by E&Y's senior partner, Nick Land, at the results presentation. "For the first time I have seen 'added value' from auditors who until now I had seen as an essential cost of doing business," ran the quote from the UK managing director of Hilton International. Could this chap be any relation to Hilton's executive vice-president for development, one David Wilson, who until a few years back was an E&Y partner?

Surplice account

THERE can be few accountants who could claim to have appeared in a makeshift play in the House of Lords in the aftermath of a Budget speech. Step forward reluctant thespian Tony de Guingand, Liffe's director of finance. He appeared as the Franciscan monk, Luca Pacioli, the inventor of double-entry bookkeeping, in a play devised by Robert Bittlestone, the managing director of Metapraxis, for the consultancy's Christmas party. It was a lively performance though we still don't understand why a monk appeared in dog-collar and surplice.

Model rift

UNTIL last week the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) was the model of accountancy profession co-operation. All six UK bodies sponsored the AAT, which provides a qualification for accounting technicians. It has been widely regarded as one of the profession's great successes. All six bodies are represented on its board. One of the representatives is Professor Mike Harvey, a past president of the certified accountants. Imagine the AAT's amazement when last week the certified accountants gave it a day's notice of the fact that it was going to set up a rival. "Unprofessional" is the least of the epithets that have been flying about.

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Nth American	375.70	399.70†	+ 4 90	...
Europe	361.10	384.20	+ 3.10	0 45
Brit Excell	92.99	98 93†	- 0.39	2.74
Brit Fxdrats Acc	117 90	125 50	- 0 40	4 62
Brit Fxdrats Inc	78.85	83 89	- 0 30	4 62
Global Opps	101.60	108 10†	+ 1.00	
Balanced Acc	64 11	68 21†	- 0.01	2.54
Balanced Inc	59.85	63.68†	- 0.01	2.54
Japan Acc	41 30	43.94	+ 0.89	.
Pac Basin Acc	402.30	428 00†	+ 2.90	0.80
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilt & Fixed Int	133.30	141.50†	- 1 00	6 90
High Inc Equity	187 10	200 10	+ 0.30	4.31
Worldwide Bond	274 10	290.70†	+ 1 80	5 06
American Growth	395.80	423 40	+ 2.50	0 30
Asian Pacific	323.70	346.20	+ 3 00	0 08
Assets & Earnings	309 00	330 50†	+ 0.40	2.86
Euro Capital Acc	188.60	201 70	+ 2.90	0 78
Extra Inc	43 32	46.09†	- 0.04	7 78
General	282.70	300.70	+ 0.80	2.92
Global Opps	69 13	73.54	+ 0.71	0 54
Japan	103 60	110 80	+ 2.40	
Managed Inc	48 52	51 62†	+ 0.04	4.65
Mastertrust	169.70	180.40	+ 1 10	1 01
US Emerging Cos	207 60	220 80	+ 2.40	
Ethical	81.75	86.97	- 0.07	2.15
International	135.60	144.30	+ 1 60	0.58
Dividend & Growth	70.11	74.59	+ 0.09	4 12
Global Gwth & Sec	73 96	79 03	+ 0.09	2 35
Latin America	64 80	68.94	+ 1.89	
Capital Reserve	146 30	146 40		4 78
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2352.00	2449 00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	62.36	64 71	+ 0.05	0.15
Emerging Mkts	69.86	72.76	+ 1 05	0.05
European	154.50	156.60	+ 1 80	
Energy	1094 00	1166.00	- 2.00	1.60
Extra Income #	47 07	49.53†	+ 0.02	8.57
Far East Emg Eco	125.60	131.80	+ 1 00	0.47
Fixed Interest #	25.19	26.41†		8.99
Fund Inv Tst	155.10	162 70		9 44
Japan	161 70	168 10	+ 3 00	
Latin American	57.69	60.03	+ 1.25	0.81
Pacific	81 61	85.68	+ 0.86	0.31
Property Share	74 62	78.34	+ 0 14	2.24
UK Emerging Cos	69 97	75 63	+ 0 14	1.27
UK Growth	56.43	57 70	- 0.03	2 03
Aber World Port #	81.53	83.09†	+ 0.03	3 48
Ethical	77.77	80.68†	+ 0.17	2.18
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.42	50 47†		7.34
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resid Property #	99.42	107 00		5.30
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	92.33	97.96	- 0.08	2.31
Income Builder Inc	80.99	86.16†	- 0.30	4.43
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	292 10	312.20	- 1.00	2.88
Capital	513 00	548.30	- 2 10	1 15
Balanced	842.80	900 90†	- 3 90	2.31
Accumulation	1636.00	1748 00†	- 7 00	1 78
Income Trusts				
American Income	64.38	68 600	+ 0 19	2.33
High Income	468.50	500 80	- 1 80	4.26
Equity Income	266.00	284 30	- 0.90	3.91
High Yield	284.20	303.80†	- 1 60	3.95
Govt Securities	35 07	37 030	- 0.29	5.90
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	227.00	242.30	+ 0.90	0.05
European Growth	54.03	57.570	+ 0.20	0.07
International	188 40	201.20	+ 0.90	0.11
Japan	180.00	192 40	+ 2.50	.
Pacific	408.40	436.50	+ 3.70	.
Secs of America	612.30	651.80†	- 01.90	0.12
Wwide Asset Val	56.32	60.200	+ 0.39	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	653.00	698.00†	- 2.50	1.96
Conv & Gilt	51 19	54.720	- 0.05	3.87
Smaller Cos	203.40	217 40	- 0.10	1.05
2nd Smaller Cos	192.90	206.20	- 0.20	0.99
Recovery	172.10	183.90†	- 0.60	1.53
Met Min & Cdty	163.50	174 70†	+ 0.60	0.18
Oseas Earnings	432.70	462.50	- 1.30	1.05
Technology	226.20	241.80†	+ 1.30	
UK Special Sits	598.70	640.00	- 0.50	0.98
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cncld Opt Pens	119.70	124.30		3.04
Foundtn Persl Pens	71 09	73.85	.	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	87 75	93.35	- 0.43	1.14
International	68.71	73.10	+ 0.71	.
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	359.80	383.50	+ 6.70	..
Bond	120.80	127 10	- 0.60	6.48
Brit Smlr Cos	118 50	126.10	+ 0.22	1.75
Conv & Gen #	70.05	74.52†	+ 0.01	5.19
Europe	284.70	302.00†	+ 4.00	0.60
Eurp Smlr Cos	123.80	131.40†	+ 2.10	0.59
Income Gwth	362.80	386.00†	- 2.20	4.92
Japan	290.10	308.40	+ 8.80	.
Latin American	83.94	89.30	+ 2.33	0.76
Pacific	114.20	121.58†	+ 1.20	1.00
UK Smlr Cos	58.23	61.95	+ 0.04	1.36
Japan Fd	579.50	597.20	+11 10	
Mngd Fd	205.70	218.30	+ 0.10	2.73
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	375.90	397.60		0.89
Capital Gwth	133.10	140.80	..	3.05
Wwide Opps	225.50	238.60	.	0.92
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gwth & Inc Inc	436.00	463.90†	- 1.60	2.49
European Bd Inc	99.62	103.10	+ 0.30	6.07
Exempt	85.15	90.71†	- 0.05	2.79
500	504.90	551.30		2.24
General	337.70	355.20	- 0.50	2.48
Property	244.80	262.70†		5.18
Trustee	232.90	249.10	- 0.30	2.28
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60		5.27
Distribution (5)#	113.00	117.68†	+ 0.10	6.18
Extra Income #	139.30	149.00	- 0.10	4.67
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.41	61.49†	- 0.07	7.73
Income #	602.90	644.60	- 0.40	4.52
Income Builder #	70.28	74.96	+ 0.02	5.19
Intl Income	72.86	77.51	- 0.43	2.29
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	145.90	156.10	- 0.10	1.86
FTSE 100	103.10	109.70†	- 0.30	2.72
Leisure	179.90	192.40	- 1.20	0.78
Recovery	497.30	531.90	- 1.40	2.73
Smlr Cos Inc	57.68	62.93	- 0.06	2.41
Special Sits	405.50	434.40	+ 0.80	1.51
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	190.20	197.40†	+ 0.50	0.31
F East Gwth Acc	299.20	320.90	- 5.50	0.55
Far East Gwth	177.50	190.30†	+ 3.20	0.55
Euro Gwth Inc	192.50	204.20	+ 2.20	0.59
-do- Accum	209.30	222.10	+ 2.40	0.59
Japan	133.90	141.70	+ 3.00	.
-do- Accum	135.40	143.30	+ 3.00	
Japan Spec Sits	62.52	66.23	+ 1.36	.
Worldwide	199.20	211.50	+ 1.90	0.35
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	136.39	144.90	+ 0.20	
Amer Smlr Cos	155.98	167.40	+ 4.20	
Convertibles	60.96	65.14	- 0.09	4.60
Eastern	302.30	324.80	+ 3.10	0.30
Equity Income #	101.60	108.70†		4.20
European Growth	365.00	388.20	+ 3.50	0.02
Europe	359.50	383.40†	+ 4.00	0.80
German Growth	86.32	91.54	+ 0.55	0.50
Global Bond	72.66	76.41	+ 0.18	6.20
Global Growth	144.10	152.90†	+ 0.90	0.40
Japan Growth	179.60	190.60	+ 4.80	.
Japan Tech	139.50	147.80	+ 1.10	
Korea Trust	52.06	56.21		
Portfolio	146.70	156.60	+ 0.30	2.00
-do- Accum	277.10	295.70	+ 0.40	2.00
UK Growth	108.70	116.50		2.60
UK Smaller Cos	97.42	105.92†	- 0.10	1.90
Select Managers	89.25	95.69	+ 0.36	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Int Gwth Port Inc	88.66	94.32	.	..
Special Oppor Inc	52.92	62.68		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	145.46	153.93†	- 0.46	1.47
-do- Accum	163.32	173.17	- 0.54	1.47
Smaller Cos	158.17	167.31†	+ 0.40	0.66
Higher Yield #	59.03	61.41†	- 0.04	4.12
American Gth Inc	106.15	112.33	+ 1.50	
European Growth	166.21	175.52	+ 2.59	0.13
-do- Accum	176.17	190.07	+ 2.64	0.13
Mngd Ptolio Inc	54.37	57.51	+ 0.43	1.45
-do- Accum	56.42	59.68	+ 0.45	1.45
Intl Spec Opps	163.05	172.84	+ 2.40	
Pacific Grth	152.35	161.32	+ 1.40	0.04
UK General #	100.32	106.23	- 0.16	2.85
-do- Accum #	107.40	113.65	- 0.17	2.77
Japan	51.77	54.75	+ 1.06	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	102.33	106.64†	- 0.07	8.29
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.77	67.42	- 0.10	6.38
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Europe	189.91	199.80†	+ 1.30	1.86
UK Growth	215.90	227.20	- 0.10	2.13
UK Income	151.50	159.40	- 0.10	4.36
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 622 100				
Can Gen Dist	73.10	76.50	- 0.10	1.57
-do- Income Dist	129.10	136.20		3.65
-do- Accum	422.40	447.70	- 0.19	3.65
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.73	43.96	- 0.26	6.20
Growth Units	260.60	278.90	- 0.60	1.92
Bond	179.90	183.30	- 0.30	6.70
Intl Growth	243.30	258.80	+ 2.60	0.15
North American	264.00	282.60	+ 0.30	0.53
Far East	310.00	331.60	+ 3.10	0.52
UK Smaller Cos	223.30	238.30	+ 0.80	1.07
European	97.49	102.30	+ 0.60	0.53
Japanese Growth	41.65	44.30	+ 1.01	
High Income	226.40	242.00	- 0.20	4.95
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7423 Enq 0161 831 7423 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	224.60	238.20	- 1.30	. .
European Inc	94.02	100.61	+ 0.78	0.37
Smaller Cos (4-1)	127.20	134.10	- 0.20	1.42
Growth	554.60	590.90	+ 2.70	2.33
Income & Growth #	459.20	497.80	- 2.00	3.77
-do- Accum #	710.20	755.60	- 3.00	3.77
Japan & Gen	58.94	62.60	+ 1.07	
Master Portfolio	1123.07	1128.23	+ 2.00	1.79
-do- Accum	1152.15	1158.49	+ 2.00	1.79
Special Sits	128.60	136.90	- 0.30	2.02
High Yield	115.05	115.52†	- 1.00	4.26

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	103.24	110.07	...	1.82
American Portfolio	127 31	135.30†	.	1.02
European Portfolio	136.84	145 52		0.63
High Income	53.01	53.13†	...	7.44
Japanese Portfolio	61.22	64.88	+ 1.22	..
Pacific Portfolio	159.20	171.19†	+ 1.61	1.06
UK Equity	98.54	105.32	.	3.37
UK Equity & Bd	58.70	62.28		6.15
UK Smlr Cos	51.91	55.52		1.25
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	775.40	787.12	- 14.13	4.34
Fxd Int Sec	157 19	157.83	- 2.37	9.06
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1816				
Investment Inc	777 88	789.64	+ 0.23	4.28
Investment Acc	5235.87	5238.41	+54.22	
Fixed Int Inc	129.75	130.27	+ 0.09	8.90
Fixed Int Acc	236.37	237.31	+ 1.84	..
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	92.10	97.07	+ 3.01	5.16
Beck Bio-Tech	41.01	44.60		
Acorn Ethical Tst	186.72	196.07		0.45
City Fin Assets	80.07	84.08	..	1.83
City Fin Intl	89.47	93.95†	- 1.31	0.14
Friars Hse Cap	312.82	332.79	.	2.53
Buckley Wrld Gwth	135.31	143.43	- 0.66	
J Gld Inc/Gth Inc	59.31	62.28		3.16
Shaw Utilities	59.36	60.80†	- 0.06	5.99
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	53.62	56.89	+ 0.69	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	81.88	87.11	+ 0.47	
Dragon Growth	73.11	78.19	+ 0.57	0.31
Equity High Inc	90.47	96.95†	- 0.25	4.27
-do- Accum	131.80	141.24	- 0.37	4.27
Extra Income Inc	27.10	28.54	+ 0.02	7.16
Extra Income Acc	29.82	31.41	+ 0.02	7.16
European Gwth	63.52	67.39	+ 0.39	0.81
Evergreen	31.62	33.81	+ 0.38	
General Equity	106.71	113.22	- 0.49	2.87
Japan Growth	42.62	45.34	+ 0.75	
Pedigree Gwth	65.26	69.89	- 0.12	2.29
Pwd Sm Cos Inc	37.72	40.56†	- 0.02	1.36
-do- Accum	40.21	43.24	- 0.02	1.36
Retirement Inc #	27.51	29.74	- 0.08	6.09
Special Sits	46.53	50.03	- 0.06	2.42
UK & Overseas	60.59	64.29	+ 0.45	0.53
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 888 000				
Balanced	71.32	74.29	- 0.14	4.07
Capital	85.00	88.54	- 0.09	3.59
High Income	52.98	55.18†	- 0.16	6.58
Top 50	57.89	60.30	- 0.19	2.54
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	195.28	203.42	- 0.13	4.52
Long Gilt	44.96	46.82	- 0.50	5.87
Monthly Inc Plus	51.02	53.15	- 0.09	8.43
Preference Share	48.24	50.25	- 0.25	7.76
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	142.73	148.68	- 0.15	5.74
Managed Fund	77.78	81.02	+ 0.17	2.73
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.20	55.42	- 0.01	1.71
-do- Accum	62.89	65.50	- 0.02	1.71
UK & General	99.35	103.49	- 0.21	2.91
-do- Accum	130.73	136.18	- 0.26	2.91
UK Growth	199.80	208.12	- 0.34	1.35
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	211.56	220.38	+ 1.90	0.66
Far Eastern Gth	133.24	138.79	+ 1.39	0.02
Global Bond	77.33	80.56	+ 0.73	6.15
Japan Growth	101.57	105.80	+ 1.90	..
North Amer Gth	245.35	255.57	- 0.10	.
Oriental Growth	85.30	88.85	+ 0.72	0.26
Worldwide Growth	72.39	75.41	+ 0.43	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.11	92.11	+ 0.01	5.23
Homeowner Fund	90.88	96.68	+ 0.24	1.58
Quilter Fund	157.14	167.17	- 0.46	1.91
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	36.14	38.67	.	4.29
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 528 958				
Growth	179.20	190.60†	- 0.40	2.70
Income	74.50	79.26	- 0.20	4.97
European	76.26	81.15	+ 0.66	0.80
Recovery	189.19	201.20	+ 0.10	2.59
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Distr	1003.60	1019.70†	.	3.32
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	113.20	120.40		1.14
Income #	288.70	307.19†	- 0.70	4.56
-do- Accum #	770.60	819.90	- 2.00	4.56
Smaller Cos	237.40	252.50	+ 0.30	0.85
-do- Accum	294.70	313.50	+ 0.38	0.85
Gilt Portfolio	103.40	109.90	- 0.30	1.29
High Inc Port #	84.04	89.40	- 0.16	4.25
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 479 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1622.20	1663.60†	..	
Japan Small Cos	1013.70	1091.10†	.	0.91
UK Small Cos	2204.00	2294.40	.	2.88
US Small Cos	2100.70	2169.29†	. .	0.86
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 6819				
Disc Inc	331.70	243.90†		3.07
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	175.10	186.20†	- 0.40	1.73
UK High Inc Inc	181.90	193.50	- 0.10	3.68
-do- Accum	249.40	265.30	- 0.20	3.68
UK Pref & F I Inc	60.36	64.04†	- 0.50	5.78
Emerg Mkt Opps	100.90	107.30	+ 0.10	0.93
UK Smlr Cos #	69.61	74.05	- 0.12	1.88
Extra Income Inc	51.19	54.45	- 0.06	7.36
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 690 526				
American	183.00	193.70	+ 1.20	0.41
Convertibles #	22.71	24.13†	+ 0.01	5.80
Equity Income #	143.90	152.90†	- 0.30	3.92
Enviroed	63.88	67.60	+ 0.21	0.59
Financial	57.75	61.36	+ 0.34	1.47
Growth & Inc #	293.20	311.50	- 0.70	2.81
High Dist #	179.50	190.70†	- 0.40	4.46
International	433.80	460.90	+ 3.70	0.11
Int Cap Inc	106.10	113.30	+ 0.80	2.38
Latin American	31.83	32.97	+ 0.84	
Pacific	83.97	89.22	+ 0.96	
Pref High Inc	22.82	24.35	+ 0.03	7.39
Tokyo	208.10	211.88	+ 1.80	
UK Smaller Cos	258.50	274.70	+ 0.80	1.09
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	332.40	350.90	+ 2.10	1.03
Jap Smlr Co	369.40	391.90	+ 5.50	
Nth Amer	444.50	470.90	+ 4.60	0.62
UK Inc & Gth	256.28	273.20	- 0.70	2.71
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BBI Director Dlgs	116.32	124.41	- 1.13	1.13
Growth Acc	267.23	279.18	+ 6.05	1.09
Income	606.31	648.46	- 4.85	6.17
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	225.80	241.30		1.23
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	91.87	96.71	+ 0.29	1.83
Ethical Tst	47.54	50.04	+ 0.32	0.38
Far Eastern	302.68	318.61	+ 2.73	1.53
High Income	140.91	148.33†	- 0.45	4.98
UK Index Trckng	52.48	55.24	- 0.26	3.24
Intl Growth	142.08	149.56	+ 0.94	0.55
North American	153.57	161.65	- 1.54	1.57
Pelican	144.56	152.17	- 0.57	3.18
Smaller Cos	73.60	77.47	- 0.01	2.81
Special Sits	90.41	95.17	- 0.07	3.01
Tst of Inv Tsts	218.44	229.94	+ 0.61	1.24
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	231.97	246.78	- 0.70	2.39
Smaller Cos Acc	418.96	445.70	- 1.28	2.39
Recovery	57.53	61.20†	- 0.13	2.27
Recovery Acc	60.01	62.84†	- 0.13	2.27
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	94.43	101.27	+ 0.03	.
Fd of Inv Tsts	52.79	56.31	+ 0.14	0.51
High Income #	39.88	42.53	- 0.06	10.83
Warrant	45.14	49.06	+ 0.32	
Zero Preference	44.88	47.62†		
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	95.32	101.40	- 0.28	2.52
United Charities	318.20	338.50	- 0.20	2.21
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.50
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	27.89	28.92	+ 0.34	5.38
Strategic Inc	27.51	28.74†	- 0.06	5.65
Income Funds				
High Income	27.14	28.48†	- 0.06	5.41
Income Plus	134.65	143.40†	- 0.40	3.97
European Income	50.33	53.46	+ 0.26	2.54
UK Inv Gth	32.46	34.52	- 0.08	2.17
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	61.61	65.72	+ 1.02	..
American	332.29	351.80†	+ 2.60	
Amer Spec Sits	186.60	198.90	+ 1.90	
Japan Smaller Cos	28.79	30.64	- 0.30	
European	229.40	244.00	+ 2.10	0.56
European Opps	80.78	85.81	+ 0.57	0.02
Global Prw	30.72	32.67	- 0.28	0.34
UK Growth	126.06	134.00	- 0.30	1.46
Growth & Inc	183.70	195.40	- 0.50	2.37
Intl PEP	43.18	52.30	- 0.08	1.05
Japan Spec Sits	78.26	83.08	+ 1.15	.
Japan	161.20	170.90	+ 3.30	
Managed Intl	357.40	379.10	+ 2.20	0.40
Moneybuilder	66.91	71.15	- 0.27	
Recovery	63.01	67.00	- 0.04	1.61
South E Asia	191.90	204.70	+ 1.50	0.94
Special Sits	743.30	790.40	+ 6.50	0.56
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	116.84	116.84	+ 0.02	5.50
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	150.10	152.60	+ 0.40	1.57
Finsbury Pfl Inc #	98.14	99.47†	- 0.20	5.93
Cap Ptolio	163.90	166.30	+ 0.10	0.86
General Opps	143.90	145.90†	- 0.50	4.16
Growth Inc	37.65	38.04†	- 0.15	1.39
Private Portfolio	493.00	501.00	+ 4.40	1.19
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 366 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	151.70	161.40	+ 2.60	0.25
Emerg Asian	129.50	138.40	+ 1.40	
High Income	21.38	22.73†	- 0.08	9.90
UK Income #	112.90	120.40†	- 0.60	4.10
US Smaller Cos	421.70	449.40	+ 4.80	

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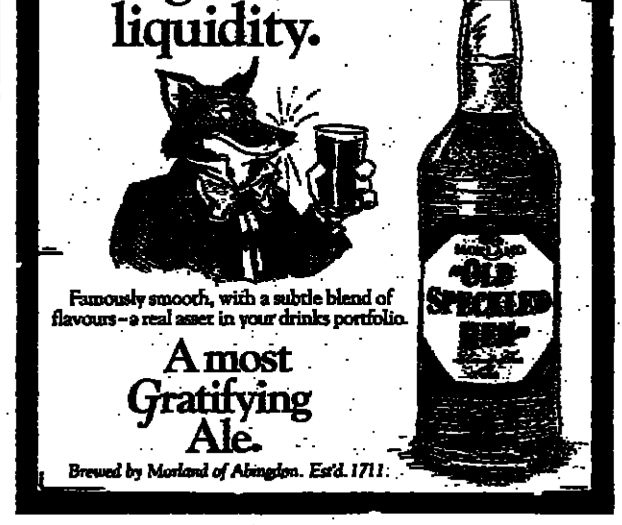
	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	82.15	87.41	+ 0.51	..
-do- Accum	82.15	87.41	+ 0.51	
Amer Smlr Cos	670.69	717.20	+12.29	.
-do- Accum	685.10	732.70	+12.40	...
Capital Tst	401.50	427.10	- 8.00	1.09
-do- Accum	589.90	627.60	-11.70	1.09
Contl Smlr Cos	59.60	63.38	+ 0.90	1.37
-do- Accum	63.41	67.43	+ 0.96	1.37
Convertible	144.70	153.90	- 0.10	5.10
-do- Accum	313.20	333.20	- 0.20	5.10
Emerging Markets	62.78	67.67†	+ 0.78	0.30
-do- Accum	63.29	67.62†	+ 0.79	0.30
European	151.30	160.30	+ 1.30	0.50
-do- Accum	160.30	169.60	+ 1.30	0.50
Extra Income	398.20	423.60	- 1.50	4.45
-do- Accum	634.00	674.50	- 2.30	4.45
Financial	177.80	189.20†	+ 0.90	0.46
-do- Accum	188.90	201.00†	+ 0.80	0.46
Gilt Trust	62.72	65.70	- 0.17	6.65
-do- Accum	99.09	102.10	- 0.30	6.65
Health Fund Inc	245.80	262.60†	+ 5.20	
-do- Accum	246.80	262.60†	+ 5.30	
Income & Growth	229.30	243.00†	- 0.90	3.61
-do- Accum	370.40	394.00†	- 1.40	3.61
Intl Growth	429.30	457.50†	+ 3.80	
-do- Accum	476.80	508.00†	+ 4.30	.
Japan & Gen	153.40	163.10	+ 2.60	
-do- Accum	155.00	164.70	+ 2.60	
Monthly Inc #	203.60	216.60†	- 0.30	4.38
-do- Accum #	204.20	217.20†	- 0.20	4.38
Managed Port Inc	120.00	126.20	+ 0.40	1.42
-do- Accum	130.30	137.20	+ 0.50	1.42
Quarterly Income #	57.27	61.40†	- 0.17	5.28
-do- Accum #	66.36	71.16†	- 0.19	5.29
Recovery	332.10	355.20	+ 3.10	
-do- Accum	392.00	419.30	+ 3.60	
UK Growth	68.28	72.64	- 0.41	2.76
-do- Accum	74.04	78.77	- 0.45	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 719635 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	63.17	67.34†	+ 0.13	0.06
FP Am Smlr Cos	207.10	220.90†	+ 3.50	
FP Asian Growth	284.90	303.80	+ 5.50	
FP Australian	418.60	446.70	+ 0.90	
FP Equity Dist	465.30	496.30†	- 1.00	2.48
-do- Accum	610.38	611.07	- 3.00	2.48
FP Euro Gth	293.00	312.50	+ 3.60	
-do- Accum	320.60	341.90	+ 4.00	
FP Intl Bond	58.30	61.58	+ 0.75	4.17
FP Intl Gth Dist	38.06	40.59†	+ 0.37	0.06
-do- Accum	55.90	59.62	+ 0.56	0.06
FP Pac Basin Acc	217.00	231.48†	+ 3.90	.
FP Income #	58.64	62.54†	- 0.03	4.86
-do- Accum #	208.40	222.20	- 0.20	4.86
FP Jap Smlr Cos	260.50	277.80	+ 4.20	
FP Monthly Dist #	76.27	81.35†	- 0.13	4.83
FP Stlg Deposit	100.70	100.70†		5.30
FP Tokyo	73.37	78.26	+ 1.70	
FP UK Focus	43.07	45.94†	- 0.06	1.85
FP UK Growth	204.20	217.80	- 0.60	2.22
-do- Accum	411.60	439.00	- 1.20	2.22
Stewardship Dist	435.38	464.30†	- 0.10	1.34
-do- Accum	550.10	586.70	- 0.10	1.34
Stwdship Inc Dist #	79.43	84.72†	+ 0.04	4.78
-do- Accum #	110.30	117.60	+ 0.10	4.78
N Am Stshp Dist	128.90	137.40	+ 2.38	0.26
-do- Accum	138.50	147.70	+ 2.60	0.26
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	103.60	104.10	- 0.10	0.08
Inst Ethical Ac #	103.60	104.10	- 0.10	0.08
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	128.00	136.10†	+ 0.40	1.50
Open Cap Gth Acc	130.10	138.40†	+ 0.70	0.18
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	118.90	126.40	+ 0.30	1.30
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	126.00	134.00	+ 0.40	1.30
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	122.80	130.40	+ 0.58	3.91
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	130.90	139.20	+ 0.50	3.91
BA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 [illegible]				
CANDA	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Growth Portfolio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Portfolio	72.41	76.03†	+ 0.98	3.20
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	223.60	238.10	+ 2.10	0.31
Dividend	100.60	107.60	+ 0.20	4.49
Int Gth & Inc	251.70	269.20	+ 2.00	2.58
UK & Gen	51.03	54.58	- 0.01	1.52
Fund of Funds	75.38	80.62	+ 0.37	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	341.80	358.60	+ 5.70	0.13
European Gth	736.00	782.80	+ 8.70	0.61
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	54.63	57.83	+ 0.56	5.22
-do- Accum	62.02	65.65	+ 0.64	5.22
Far East & Gen	271.10	290.00	+ 3.30	
High Yield #	50.64	53.52†	- 0.21	7.82
-do- Accum #	56.72	59.95	- 0.23	7.82
Income Inc	201.40	215.40	+ 0.20	3.99
-do- Accum	230.20	246.20	+ 0.20	3.99
Intl Growth	385.30	410.80	+ 3.10	0.30
Intl Income	95.57	101.30	+ 1.10	2.69
Japan Growth	413.50	438.90	+ 3.20	
Orient Acc	202.20	216.30	+ 1.80	0.14
UK General Inc	200.10	214.00	- 0.70	1.54
UK General Acc	357.60	382.50	- 1.00	1.54
UK Sm Cos Dsr Acc	60.57	64.78	+ 0.02	1.79
UK Spec Sits	104.20	111.50		1.47
US Growth	190.70	202.40	+ 1.40	
Wwide Spec Sits	166.10	176.80	+ 2.70	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	61.74	65.97	- 0.23	1.99
Cash Trust	147.34	147.34	+ 0.020	0.522
Practical Inv Inc #	124.07	132.70	+ 0.46	3.62
-do- Accum #	300.22	321.08	+ 1.13	3.62
UK Index	183.15	184.97	- 0.61	3.27
UK Smaller Cos	208.37	222.86†	- 0.22	0.17
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.09	26.00†	- 0.05	7.27
High Income	35.01	37.35†	- 0.10	4.85
UK Equity Income	161.88	173.21	- 0.04	3.11
Global Bond	28.02	29.87	+ 0.21	4.75
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	45.23	48.37	+ 0.63	
Global Managed	149.50	158.66†	+ 0.92	1.22
Gold & Intl Res	106.09	113.47	+ 0.55	.
Global Utilities	146.11	155.75	+ 0.87	1.27
Overseas Funds				
American	205.43	218.14	+ 0.22	0.02
European	138.16	148.44	+ 1.05	0.84
Euro Sel Opps	210.05	223.20	+ 2.22	.
Amer Emerging	180.30	192.89†	+ 2.61	...
Hong Kong	182.24	194.98	+ 1.41	1.26
Japan	209.50	222.77	+ 3.51	
Pacific Growth	227.36	244.30	+ 2.29	..
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	264.37	264.37†	+ 0.11	1.93
Long Term Bal	281.86	281.86†	+ 0.23	2.95
Med Term Bal	233.12	233.12†	- 0.22	2.93
UK Equity	313.95	313.95†	- 1.18	2.48
UK Emerging Cos	175.96	175.96†	- 4.60	2.01
American	336.92	336.92	- 1.39	0.58
Japan	119.27	119.27	+ 1.77	
European	359.39	359.39	+ 2.65	0.83
Index Linked Gilt	191.23	191.23†	- 0.72	2.63
Fixed Interest	180.99	180.99†	- 1.18	6.03
Amer Emerges	398.22	398.22	+ 5.16	
Pacific	237.42	237.42†	+ 1.87	0.78
Emerging Mkts	116.80	116.60†	+ 1.54	0.50
Index Strat Japan	132.31	132.31	+ 2.36	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	212.65	212.65	+ 1.93	1.00
-do- Cont Europe	189.37	189.37	+ 1.24	1.68
Index Strat USA	197.53	197.53	- 0.39	1.45
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	124.86	132.82	+ 0.05	..
Med Term Bal	111.40	118.51	- 0.11	..
Long Term Bal	127.11	135.22	+ 0.11	.
UK Equity	143.82	153.00	- 2.71	..
UK Emerging Cos	82.70	87.98	- 2.29	
American	156.14	166.10	- 0.63	
Japan	56.57	60.18	+ 0.43	
European	149.35	158.88	+ 1.17	
Fixed Interest	93.16	99.10	- 0.65	
Index Linked Gilt	89.15	92.58	- 0.34	.
Deposit	88.45	94.09	+ 0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BMN Intl	156.81	165.06	+ 0.52	0.51
BruW Gth Port Inc	74.24	78.35	- 0.29	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	65.43	69.06†	+ 0.14	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	59.03	63.14†	- 1.35	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	634.47	674.97	+ 0.27	0.75
-do- Accum	716.51	762.24	- 0.30	0.75
European Inc	182.66	193.90	+ 0.44	1.05
Arrowgem Inc	158.13	167.62		
N America Inc	423.33	450.35	- 4.62	
Far East Inc	360.73	383.76	- 3.58	
-do- Accum	373.86	397.73	+ 2.67	
UK Dvdd Inc	301.71	320.97	- 0.54	2.06
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	96.50	103.19†		4.09
UK Small Cos	67.58	72.27†	- 1.20	0.62
British Growth	70.52	75.41	+ 0.20	2.56
American Gwth	279.35	298.76	+ 5.20	
Japan Gwth	54.80	58.60	+ 1.20	
Greater China	214.30	229.19	+ 2.60	
Pacific Strategy	159.17	170.22	+ 0.30	
European Gwth	118.78	127.03†	+ 1.30	
Intl Growth	167.57	179.27†	+ 1.90	
US Index (D)	18.6798	19.6730		2.75
FTSE 250 Ind	91.78	98.15	- 0.10	2.13
Monthly Income	40.26	43.01†	+ 0.30	3.51
Index & Bear Funds Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gtd UK Index (£)	15.9333	16.8209	- 0.10	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	111.51	118.63		1.53
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9808				
European	589.60	629.90	+ 8.40	0.20
Gilt & Fixed	133.58	141.50	- 1.20	5.68
Growth Equity	443.70	474.00	- 0.20	1.70
Income Trust	158.20	166.80	+ 0.10	4.11
International	209.30	223.40	+ 2.10	
Japan Trust	108.00	115.30	+ 2.50	..
Nth American	371.60	397.00	+ 2.70	
Pacific	592.00	632.40	+ 6.30	
Guardhill	652.00	696.50	- 0.80	1.34
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	105.17	109.16†	+ 0.85	4.82
Global High Inc	99.54	103.31	+ 0.64	5.22
Corporate Bond	107.38	111.45	- 3.09	6.09
Eqty & Bond Inc	112.25	119.35	+ 0.14	5.15
European Growth	130.77	139.05	+ 1.24	..
Intl PEP Trust	71.35	75.87	+ 0.54	..
Equity Inc	138.55	147.31†	+ 1.23	4.02
-do- Accum	205.56	218.56	+ 1.82	4.02
Recovery	404.70	430.30†	+ 0.90	1.79
-do- Accum	483.50	514.10	+ 1.10	1.79
St Vinc High Inc	132.17	134.15	+ 1.33	7.26
UK Emerg Cos	298.50	317.40†	- 0.29	2.92
UK Smlr Cos	399.60	409.80	+ 1.09	2.96
Glob Pnv Tst	119.48	127.04	+ 0.90	1.48
-do- Accum	124.22	132.08	+ 0.94	1.48
Inc Share Tst	90.73	96.47†	- 0.02	9.93
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	57.23	60.63	- 0.25	3.39
Balanced Acc	60.87	64.54	- 0.26	3.39
Growth	34.23	36.29	- 0.15	1.92
Growth Acc	35.40	37.53	- 0.15	1.92
Income	32.37	34.32†	- 0.08	4.44
Income Acc	34.96	37.07	- 0.09	4.44
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	26.76	29.00	- 0.13	3.02
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	101.30	104.70†	- 0.49	6.59
Master Ptolio	248.30	259.40	+ 0.20	2.34
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 494849 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	365.38	390.04	- 0.75	0.57
Best of British	75.01	79.72†	- 0.27	1.94
UK Smaller Cos	156.36	168.07	- 0.07	1.11
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	312.60	332.90†	- 1.12	3.34
-do- Accum #	893.72	951.77	- 3.19	3.34
High Income	339.33	362.74†	- 0.88	4.32
Extra Income #	294.62	313.32†	- 0.58	6.17
Pref & Bond	49.50	51.53†	- 0.09	8.30
International				
Ethical	125.38	134.08	+ 0.13	1.65
International	319.01	339.26†	+ 1.39	
Global Bond	55.27	58.15†	+ 0.42	5.45
Intl Port Tst	98.69	106.61†	- 0.61	0.64
Global Tech	246.36	264.82†	+ 4.14	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	198.79	212.58	+ 1.78	...
European	619.83	656.83†	+ 4.90	0.37
European Income #	95.27	103.84	- 0.65	3.32
Euro Smlr Cos	195.16	207.73†	+ 2.93	0.96
European Value	93.60	99.64†	+ 1.36	0.12
-do- Accum	100.69	107.28	+ 1.47	0.12
Japan Trust	201.55	214.07	+ 3.02	..
Japan Smlr Cos	201.67	213.54†	+ 2.20	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	236.16	251.59†	+ 0.91	...
North American	330.56	350.71	+ 0.57	
American Smaller	181.45	193.79†	+ 3.23	..
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	165.00	173.70	- 0.40	4.79
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	125.21	131.11†	- 0.26	1.71
Capital	206.74	216.49	+ 0.23	1.42
Dollar	529.04	553.97†	+ 3.42	
Enterprise Gth	438.44	460.15	- 0.66	1.81
European	275.29	288.27	- 1.41	0.58
Far East	315.18	330.00	+ 3.13	0.20
Financial	1110.76	1111.27	+ 4.05	1.70
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.72	27.79†	- 0.01	6.66
High Yield #	111.62	116.88†	- 0.27	4.96
Income & Growth #	165.63	173.44†	- 0.26	3.66
International	293.72	307.56	- 1.79	0.25
Japanese General	185.98	194.74	+ 2.12	
Japan Tech	79.33	83.06	+ 0.72	.
Nat Resources	79.53	83.34	+ 0.42	0.43
Portfolio	87.08	91.19	+ 0.23	1.18
Special Sits	209.28	219.15	+ 0.75	0.04
UK Emerging Cos	131.71	137.92	- 0.04	0.79
US Smaller Cos	165.80	173.70	+ 3.14	.
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	661.70	706.20	- 1.90	5.36
UK Growth	728.70	777.70	- 3.50	2.48
High Income #	117.80	125.78†	- 0.30	5.46
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	650.80	688.90	- 1.90	0.25
European Gwth	147.19	156.38	+ 1.70	0.11
Japan Gwth	247.60	263.40	+ 2.50	
Japan Smlr Cos	29.57	31.34	+ 0.15	.
Asean	64.43	68.76	+ 0.72	0.17
Sing & Malay Gwth	87.21	93.07	+ 1.10	
Hong Kong Gwth	165.56	176.60	+ 1.10	1.80
Global Bond	21.84	23.06	+ 0.26	4.77
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	172.80	173.70	- 0.80	3.20
Trade Index	129.90	133.30	+ 0.20	2.12
THE FOOTSIE FUND	66.70	67.04†	- 0.31	2.89
Index Funds-International				
American Index	298.70	299.70	- 0.50	0.90
Eurotrack 100	201.50	202.50	+ 1.00	1.44
Japan Index	70.71	71.07	+ 1.28	0.10
Tiger Index	190.92	195.32	+ 1.70	0.15
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	48.39	50.73	- 1.51	1.44
General Funds				
Managed Dist	89.77	95.46†	+ 0.31	1.41
Managed	92.64	96.45†	+ 0.31	1.41
Rupert Child Fnd	105.90	110.20	- 0.60	2.04
UK Growth	72.72	75.71†	- 0.12	1.89
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	91.19	94.94	- 0.26	5.34
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.31	28.23	- 0.03	7.83
UK Inc & Gwth	49.27	51.30†	- 0.03	2.97
UK Income #	383.50	399.30†	- 1.00	4.24
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	65.18	67.55	- 0.17	0.11
Amer Smlr Cos	164.10	170.90	+ 2.60	.
-do- Accum	166.00	172.80	+ 2.80	..
Europe Gth	236.50	245.90	+ 1.60	.
-do- Accum	244.90	254.70	+ 1.70	
Euro Smaller Cos	45.42	47.27†	+ 0.44	...
French Growth	98.68	102.50	+ 0.40	0.08
-do- Accum	106.70	110.80	+ 0.40	0.08
H Kong & China	106.30	110.50	- 1.20	0.48
Intl Growth	68.79	71.57†	+ 0.58	0.06
-do- Accum	70.09	72.92†	+ 0.58	0.06
Japan Gth	27.91	29.03	+ 0.57	
-do- Accum	27.91	29.03	+ 0.57	
Japan Smaller Cos	32.62	33.94	+ 0.42	
Glob Emg Mkts	90.99	94.73	+ 1.32	
-do- Accum	91.63	95.42	+ 1.33	0.11
SE Asia	254.60	260.20	+ 5.70	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	51.77	53.36†	+ 0.33	5.96
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
Sector Value Inc #	107.00	112.90†	- 0.20	3.65
Sector Value Gwth	108.29	114.13†	- 0.30	2.00
Hy 5 Europe	102.45	107.40†		2.35
States Gwth	172.60	183.50	+ 0.10	0.48
New Japan	82.58	93.36	+ 1.26	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	202.30	213.00	+ 4.50	.
Income #	223.54	237.80	- 0.75	4.21
UK Growth	87.35	92.82	- 0.33	1.84



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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	86.17	91.67	+ 0.54	0.45
Ecology	102.85	109.41†	+ 0.10	0.87
European	207.24	220.28	+ 1.78	0.56
Far Eastern	305.60	325.10	+ 3.20	
UK Special Sits	54.31	57.93†	+ 0.02	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	102.30	105.70†		7.04
Euro Pnr Inc	101.60	108.10	+ 1.10	.
-do- Accum	101.60	108.10	+ 1.10	.
Gilt Yield	119.70	126.20†	- 0.80	6.41
Global Income	235.60	250.60†	- 2.20	3.53
High Yield	157.50	167.60	- 0.70	5.56
-do- Accum	522.90	556.30	- 2.52	5.56
Money Market	97.99	97.99†	- 0.01	
Smlr Cos Div	61.72	65.66†	- 0.10	3.45
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc				
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	161.30	171.60	+ 2.00	.
Asian Growth	323.80	349.00	+ 3.70	
-do- Accum	386.40	411.10	+ 4.40	
North American	115.30	122.70	+ 0.64	0.21
European Special	121.60	129.50	+ 1.80	1.25
European	129.60	138.60†	+ 1.90	0.49
-do- Accum	242.20	257.70†	+ 2.40	0.49
Global Eqty Inc	133.00	139.50	- 0.30	1.89
Japan	367.10	390.40	+ 8.40	
Japanese Special	136.80	139.40	+ 1.70	
Smaller Cos	145.62	154.90†	- 0.30	1.08
UK Equity Growth	53.57	56.99	- 0.12	1.75
UK Index Inc	342.40	345.10†	- 1.40	3.64
Enclave Tst	108.90	114.90†	- 0.29	2.09
-do- Accum	108.30	116.50†	+ 0.30	2.09
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	311.27	331.14†	- 0.66	4.93
Inc & Growth Inc	70.46	74.96	- 0.11	3.70
Smaller Cos	92.01	97.88	- 0.02	1.22
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	467.60	496.10	- 1.70	2.17
UK Inc/Gth #	494.90	524.50	- 1.70	4.17
UK Income #	342.90	364.80	- 0.70	4.98
UK Sm Cos	312.10	334.40	- 0.18	1.58
Euro Gwth	164.20	173.90	+ 1.10	0.46
N Amer Gwth	124.40	132.00	+ 1.90	.
Japan Growth	54.70	58.05	+ 0.86	.
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist @	556.80	596.90†	- 1.80	2.66
-do- Accum @	875.55	612.35†	- 4.60	2.66
Equity Income @ #	122.50	132.50	- 0.40	4.32
UK Tactical Allocn @	65.92	68.60	- 0.46	3.99
European @	145.70	155.70†	+ 1.59	9.95
Far Eastern @	230.80	230.80†	+ 2.10	
Fixed Interest @	56.17	56.17	- 2.00	7.00
Gilt @	92.94	32.94†	- 0.46	6.33
Global Growth @	82.25	92.25†	+ 0.74	0.38
Intl Bond @	51.72	51.72†	+ 3.70	4.95
Japanese @	43.29	63.29†	+ 1.23	
North American @	230.60	230.60	+ 1.50	0.62
Pacific Growth @	172.50	172.50	+ 0.90	0.25
UK Index @	78.58	78.58†	- 0.24	3.14
UK Recovery @	117.80	117.90†		1.90
UK Smaller Cos @	151.90	151.90	- 3.30	1.24
US Index @	97.57	97.57		1.20
European Index @	97.85	97.85†	+ 0.84	1.59
Japan Index @	36.73	36.73†	+ 0.72	...
Worldwide @	99.14	99.14†	+ 0.25	1.50
LINCOLN FUND MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	57.65	67.65†	- 0.22	2.22
Income	67.42	72.70	- 0.20	4.03
Far East	51.41	54.98	+ 0.62	0.08
North American	134.50	144.20	+ 1.20	
Global	99.37	136.20	+ 0.50	0.42
European	97.56	104.60	+ 0.90	1.02
Japan	27.32	29.26	+ 1.50	.
Intl Currency B1	43.74	61.58	- 0.51	4.50
SE Asia	112.50	118.40	+ 0.80	0.43
UK Cap Growth	115.80	123.90	- 0.40	2.58
Recovery Trust	51.22	57.56†	- 0.25	1.25
Managed	75.61	77.98	+ 0.36	1.71
Cash	51.54	51.54		4.51
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01624 834 320 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	417.40	442.00†	- 0.40	2.19
-do- Accum	992.50	1013.50	- 1.00	2.19
Contl Eur Gth	81.70	86.30†	+ 1.50	0.38
-do- Accum	98.60	103.13	+ 1.83	0.38
Extra Inc	285.20	303.50†	- 3.40	3.93
-do- Accum	796.70	845.20	- 9.90	3.93
FTSE 100 Inc	128.70	132.70	- 0.30	2.82
FTSE 100 Acc	120.20	128.60	- 0.30	2.82
German Gth	137.40	146.80	+ 1.10	..
-do- Accum	145.10	155.50	+ 2.30	
Growth Ptfl	667.60	713.30	+ 1.30	0.07
-do- Accum	695.70	740.20	+ 1.30	0.07
High Interest Inc	102.20	126.50	.	7.23
High Interest Acc	148.30	172.80	- 2.70	7.23
Hi Reserve Inc #	108.50	115.50†	- 0.10	6.16
Hi Reserve Acc #	179.00	128.70	- 0.20	6.16
Income	562.30	536.80	.	3.09
-do- Accum	516.07	577.05		3.09
Income Ptfl	572.50	609.20†	- 0.80	4.24
-do- Accum	642.10	685.50	- 0.90	4.24
Japan Growth	52.41	58.38	+ 1.22	0.35
-do- Accum	92.79	98.72	+ 1.22	0.65
Master Trust	68.98	73.34	+ 0.13	1.35
-do- Accum	79.63	84.69	+ 0.16	1.35
Millennium Acc	98.04	104.30		2.25
N American Gen	258.30	274.80	+ 0.30	...
-do- Accum	298.90	318.00	+ 0.30	
NAm Sm Co Rec	201.40	214.30	+ 3.30	.
-do- Accum	205.50	218.70	+ 3.30	...
Pacific Basin	259.70	276.30	+ 3.10	...
-do- Accum	276.60	294.30	+ 3.20	.
Small Cos Rec	531.60	559.80†	+ 0.20	1.73
-do- Accum	734.20	772.90	+ 0.20	1.73
UK Eq Gth	168.20	179.00	- 2.00	2.43
UK Eq Inc	131.50	139.90		3.81
UK Growth	108.70	115.70	- 0.10	1.78
-do- Accum	136.40	145.20	- 0.10	1.78
Worldwide Gth	357.30	380.29	+ 3.40	0.28
-do- Accum	528.00	561.80	+ 5.00	0.28
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	91.68	98.19	+ 0.39	0.70
General	109.78	117.79†	- 0.23	2.98
Income	74.35	79.77	- 0.08	5.80
International	74.23	79.64	+ 0.85	0.50
Japan	51.18	54.91	+ 1.03	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	77.05	82.67	+ 0.29	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Servs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	543.60	574.20	+ 5.00	0.29
-do- Accum	680.50	718.70	+ 6.20	0.29
Amer Recovery	619.80	655.40†	+11.50	0.09
-do- Accum	716.80	758.00†	+13.40	0.09
Amer Smlr Cos	169.60	179.40		.
-do- Accum	176.70	186.90	+ 3.60	
Australasian	218.80	231.40	- 0.80	2.05
-do- Accum	275.60	291.70		2.03
Capital	991.30	1048.30	- 2.10	2.88
-do- Accum	1183.60	1251.70	- 2.50	2.88
Charifund	775.60	783.40†	- 3.20	5.82
-do- Accum	4052.10	4092.70†	-16.60	5.82
Commodity	480.90	508.60	- 0.90	0.19
-do- Accum	711.10	752.10	- 1.40	0.19
Compound Grth	1131.60	1196.70†	- 4.00	2.72
-do- Accum	1250.10	1322.60†	- 4.40	2.72
Corporate Bond	26.40	26.50	- 0.13	7.20
Dividend	44.30	46.80†	- 0.30	4.80
-do- Accum	209.60	212.60†	- 1.00	4.80
Equity Income	333.00	352.10	- 0.60	5.78
-do- Accum	461.80	488.30	- 1.10	5.78
Euro & General	637.50	674.20	+ 9.90	0.71
-do- Accum	818.70	865.90	+12.70	0.71
Euro Dividend	82.10	86.80	+ 0.80	3.53
-do- Accum	104.50	110.50	+ 1.00	3.53
Euro Smlr Cos	51.10	54.00	+ 0.60	0.50
-do- Accum	51.10	54.00	+ 0.60	0.50
Extra Yield	471.20	498.30	- 2.20	4.97
-do- Accum	1593.70	1685.50	- 7.50	4.97
Fund of Inv Tsts	723.80	765.20†	+ 1.10	1.86
-do- Accum	1387.90	1478.20†	+ 2.00	1.86
General	71.70	75.80	- 0.50	3.75
-do- Accum	211.20	223.40	- 1.40	3.75
Gilt Income	63.17	63.26†	- 0.55	6.70
-do- Accum	194.35	194.60†	- 1.67	6.70
Gold	71.70	75.80	+ 0.70	0.25
-do- Accum	66.60	80.70	+ 0.80	0.25
High Income	34.00	36.00	- 0.20	4.67
-do- Accum	145.40	154.00	- 0.70	4.67
Intl Growth	91.30	96.50	+ 0.90	0.65
-do- Accum	161.30	170.60	+ 1.60	0.65
International Inc	111.50	117.90	+ 1.10	4.49
-do- Accum	179.00	189.20	+ 1.70	4.49
Japan & Gen	36.30	38.30†	+ 0.90	..
-do- Accum	39.00	41.10†	+ 1.00	
Japan Smlr Cos	128.50	135.80†	+ 2.70	
-do- Accum	129.40	136.80†	+ 2.70	
Managed Gwth	27.50	29.00	+ 0.20	1.82
Managed Income	30.20	31.70†	.	4.16
Midland	61.40	64.90	.	2.26
-do- Accum	216.40	228.80	...	3.26
Pension Ex	1088.40	1107.50	- 4.80	4.22
Recovery	47.80	50.50	- 0.20	3.05
-do- Accum	82.10	86.90	- 0.30	3.05
Second General	76.90	81.30	.	3.94
-do- Accum	208.40	220.50		3.94
Smaller Cos	69.50	73.50	+ 0.10	3.51
-do- Accum	143.90	152.30	+ 0.30	3.51
Sth East Asia	407.60	431.80	+ 5.90	1.08
-do- Accum	546.00	577.30	+ 8.00	1.08
Treasury	25.10	25.16†	+ 0.01	5.73
Trustee	43.80	46.30†	- 0.10	5.30
-do- Accum	191.10	202.50†	- 0.40	5.30
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	100.11	106.50	+ 0.87	0.80
Intl Bond	63.78	67.00†	+ 0.52	5.00
Intl Equity Growth	86.00	91.40†	+ 0.58	0.75
N Amer Growth	141.95	150.02	+ 0.30	0.71
Special Sits Growth	28.62	30.44		2.11
UK Growth	471.71	501.81	- 0.52	2.66
-do- Accum	651.37	692.94	- 0.72	2.66
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01920 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1444.70	1487.20†	...	2.90
Income #	1046.80	1063.50	...	4.48
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	160.30	172.10	...	3.52
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptolio	181.30	187.50	- 0.01	2.48
-do- Accum	215.90	222.60	- 0.18	2.48
UK Sel Ptolio	180.10	185.10†	- 0.90	2.53
-do- Accum	195.00	201.00†	- 1.10	2.53
UK 100 Cos	119.40	119.40	- 0.70	2.79
-do- Accum	121.60	121.60	- 0.70	2.79
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	73.09	78.61		3.58
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	84.34	89.53†	+ 0.56	3.42
European	107.00	113.80	+ 2.20	0.64
Income #	85.52	90.79†	+ 0.13	4.03
Nth American	102.40	108.70	+ 1.40	0.15
Far East	179.50	190.60	+ 2.90	0.05
Japan	57.82	61.36	+ 1.04	
Emerging Mkts	83.75	89.04	+ 1.65	0.02
Intl Growth	130.20	138.20	+ 2.00	0.27
UK Growth	124.50	132.20†	.	2.58
UK Smlr Co	62.44	66.28†	+ 0.04	1.35
Asia Pacific	38.04	40.68	+ 0.56	0.31
Glob Gwth PEP	62.55	66.39	+ 1.15	1.36
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	102.20	108.80	+ 1.80	.
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	469.06	499.00	- 1.93	4.55
Global Inc	76.14	81.00	- 0.30	4.32
Brit Leaders	400.41	425.97	- 1.70	3.57
Intl Leaders	240.49	255.84	+ 0.61	1.41
Prfdl Mg Bal Gth	72.32	75.14	+ 2.08	0.45
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	281.80	297.60†	+1.900	..
-do- Accum	301.40	318.20†	+2.000	..
American Opps	130.00	138.70†	+3.100	
-do- Accum	131.50	140.30†	+3.000	
British Blue Chip	99.23	105.49	- 0.10	2.28
-do- Accum	128.70	136.70	- 0.20	2.28
Cash	100.60	100.60	.	5.53
-do- Accum	149.30	149.30		5.53
Emerging Mkts	123.70	133.00	+2.400	0.11
-do- Accum	125.20	134.60	+2.400	0.11
European Growth	330.80	350.70	+4.400	0.13
-do- Accum	360.70	381.90	+4.800	0.13
European Income	93.02	98.39	+1.060	2.92
-do- Accum	133.80	141.50	+1.500	2.92
General	631.20	671.20	- 0.60	1.85
-do- Accum	1291.00	1373.00	- 1.00	1.85
Global Bond	133.20	139.90	+0.700	5.24
-do- Accum	177.00	185.90	+0.900	5.24
Gold & General	204.70	219.20	+2.600	0.44
-do- Accum	211.80	226.90	+2.800	0.44
Govt Securities	95.35	98.31†	- 0.27	6.06
-do- Accum	204.70	211.10†	- 0.58	6.06
High Yield Bd	103.50	106.70†	+0.100	7.00
-do- Accum	111.40	114.30†	+0.200	7.00
Income	191.80	203.80†	- 0.20	4.13
-do- Accum	320.50	340.40†	- 0.40	4.13
Inc Portfolio #	114.60	121.20	- 0.70	4.73
-do- Accum #	125.00	132.30	- 0.80	4.73
Intl Opps	551.60	587.70†	+4.800	0.15
-do- Accum	746.00	795.70†	+6.200	0.15
Japan	156.70	166.90	+3.000	..
-do- Accum	160.80	171.30	+3.900	
New Europe	243.30	259.50	+1.800	0.78
-do- Accum	253.10	270.00	+1.900	0.78
Pacific	117.00	124.80	+1.700	0.82
-do- Accum	126.10	134.50	+1.800	0.82
Recovery	463.20	494.10†	+0.100	0.52
-do- Accum	611.30	652.10†		0.52
UK Smaller Cos	65.46	69.60	- 0.07	0.74
-do- Accum	75.60	80.04	- 0.09	0.74
Portfolio	95.06	101.60	+0.200	2.27
-do- Accum	118.00	125.70	+0.300	2.27
Managed Gth	121.30	128.90†	+0.500	1.07
Managed Inc	120.20	124.70†	+0.100	3.00
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 230				
Eurogrowth Plus	157.24	167.29	+ 1.98	0.14
Portfolio	82.63	87.90†	+ 0.08	1.37
UK Income Inc	93.04	98.98	- 0.06	4.77
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	70.02	73.32	- 0.30	2.60
-do- Accum	77.60	81.35	- 0.33	2.60
British Tst	108.90	114.00	- 0.50	2.39
-do- Accum	130.30	136.40	- 0.60	2.39
Corp Bond Inc	101.30	105.00†		6.58
-do- Accum	105.80	108.60†		6.58
Extra High Inc	71.45	74.82	- 0.25	5.97
-do- Accum	153.80	161.00	- 0.60	5.97
FTSE 100 Acc	77.44	74.80	- 0.34	2.71
FTSE 100 Dist	67.39	70.57	- 0.32	2.71
Gilt & Fxd Int	36.35	38.63†	- 0.30	6.31
-do- Accum	181.80	187.15†	- 1.00	6.37
High Yield	238.80	250.10†	- 0.40	5.20
-do- Accum	688.50	720.00†	- 1.20	5.20
Income	328.00	343.50	- 0.90	3.89
-do- Accum	770.20	806.50	- 2.20	3.89
Money Market UT	49.39	49.39†	- 0.01	4.96
-do- Accum	83.60	83.60†	+ 0.07	4.96
Monthly Income	95.60	100.20†	+ 0.04	4.77
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	136.80	145.50	- 0.70	1.35
European Growth	130.00	138.70	- 0.50	0.81
Gilt & Fixed	102.10	108.20	- 0.60	5.13
Income	105.90	112.70	- 0.30	2.27
Japan Growth	44.42	47.08	+ 0.25	...
Managed	85.34	90.79	- 0.09	1.94
Money Market	98.17	101.50		3.94
North American	114.20	121.00	- 0.40	0.37
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	124.00	131.90	- 0.60	1.34
European Growth	122.96	130.30	- 0.50	0.81
Gilt & Fixed Int	96.16	101.80	- 0.60	5.16
Income	103.90	110.50	- 0.30	2.32
Japan Growth	44.26	46.92	+ 0.24	
Managed	81.53	86.73	- 0.08	1.92
Money Market	86.65	93.97	+ 0.01	3.91
North American	103.00	109.20	- 0.30	0.45
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	123.00	130.80	- 0.60	1.34
European Growth	120.30	127.50	- 0.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	86.20	91.46	- 0.50	5.40
Income	100.90	107.30	- 0.30	2.38
Japan Growth	45.25	47.96	+ 0.24	...
Managed	84.02	89.38	- 0.09	1.94
Money Market	80.57	85.40	+ 0.01	4.08
North American	115.40	122.90	- 0.40	0.34
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.24	16.15	...	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	487.40	517.40†	+ 3.60	...
European Gth Inc	565.70	606.60†	+ 6.10	..
-do- Accum	571.80	613.20†	+ 6.20	..
Intl Gwth	231.60	245.60†	+ 1.40	...
UK Equity Inc	227.10	241.80	- 0.30	3.78
Do. Accum	308.90	330.00	- 0.40	3.78
UK Ind Trckr Inc	199.60	211.90	- 0.60	3.05
-do- Accum	245.70	260.20	- 0.70	3.09
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	289.90	305.90	- 0.30	0.79
Japan Tracker	85.87	89.50†	+ 1.31	.
Asian Tracker	230.50	240.90	+ 2.20	0.14
Mngd Ptolio Inc	189.90	202.60†	..	1.55
Mngd Ptolio Acc	209.30	222.20†	- 0.10	1.55
Deposit Inc	100.25	100.25†	+ 0.02	5.36
Europe	264.70	280.40	+ 2.60	...
Console	214.30	231.80†	+ 0.20	2.43
High Income	20.95	22.20	- 0.05	10.60
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	110.60	112.90†	+ 0.39	1.85
Acumen Inc	100.20	102.30†	+ 0.39	1.85
Acumen Returns	98.24	99.29†	- 0.01	6.87
-do- Inc	75.80	76.55†	- 0.02	6.87
American Growth	71.91	72.80	+ 0.58	..
Equity Income #	105.70	108.30†	- 0.29	4.47
European	83.48	84.95	+ 1.16	0.44
Smaller Cos	90.96	95.24†	+ 0.12	1.26
W'wide Eqty	78.21	79.65	+ 0.69	
Global Bond	43.31	43.77†	+ 0.37	5.28
UK Growth	116.60	119.60	- 0.20	1.29
Pacific Growth	128.40	130.00	+ 1.80	0.32
Japan Growth	86.74	88.18	+ 0.15	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Mutual Equity	152.57	162.31	- 0.93	2.60
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 8262				
UK Growth	92.51	98.41	- 0.44	2.17
UK Income	128.02	136.18†	- 0.38	4.18
Higher Income	250.19	266.15	- 0.43	4.24
Smaller Cos	106.40	113.28	+ 0.34	1.41
International	111.99	119.14†	+ 0.39	1.38
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
America Dist	135.50	144.10†	+ 0.70	0.08
European Dist	151.30	161.00†	+ 1.60	0.27
Far East Dist	189.80	201.10	+ 2.10	...
Global Care Dist	88.93	92.49†	+ 0.40	0.36
Oseas Dist	1162.40	1236.60	+16.30	...
-do- Accum	1510.90	1607.20	+21.30	..
UK Dist	438.00	463.80†	- 1.50	2.18
-do- Accum	895.10	952.20	- 3.10	2.18
UK Extra Inc Dist	97.02	103.21	- 0.38	2.90
Wwide Dist	120.10	127.80	+ 1.50	.
Wwide Inc Dist	89.58	95.31	+ 0.70	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 260 Admin Enq: 01277 690 390				
Europe Inc	80.87	85.35	+ 0.76	0.70
Fund of Funds Inc	70.55	74.46	+ 0.23	1.75
North America Inc	71.00	74.93	+ 0.08	0.33
UK Equity Gth Inc	70.19	74.08†	- 0.24	2.73
-do- Accum	76.47	80.71	- 0.26	2.73
UK General Inc	68.41	72.20	- 0.20	2.63
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	48.99	51.60	- 0.03	6.51
UK Income Inc	67.45	71.19†	- 0.19	4.19
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	55.57	59.17†	+ 0.66	..
-do- Accum	56.01	59.58	+ 0.67	..
Bond	128.77	136.62†	+ 0.40	5.49
Cash Income	50.19	50.19†		5.29
-do- Accum	69.56	69.56†	+ 0.01	5.29
Distributor	104.54	111.21†	- 0.43	3.67
European	56.42	60.02	+ 0.50	.
Foundation	111.72	118.85	- 0.37	2.76
General Inc	218.70	232.65	+ 0.31	1.55
General Acc	220.89	234.98	+ 0.31	1.55
Global	375.86	399.85	+ 3.18	.
Growth Inc	147.00	156.38	+ 1.67	2.34
Growth Acc	150.82	160.44	+ 1.71	2.34
Higher Income Inc	33.00	35.10	+ 0.37	4.84
-do- Accum	40.20	42.76	+ 0.45	4.84
Income	268.27	285.39†	- 0.90	3.47
Islamic	140.06	145.89†		1.77
Japan	25.42	27.04	+ 0.73	..
Oriental Inc	150.25	159.84	+ 0.33	0.17
-do- Accum	155.63	165.56	+ 0.34	0.17
Pers Int Gwth	38.23	38.54	+ 0.28	.
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2855				
High Income #	49.61	52.50	+ 0.02	6.06
UK Growth	116.20	123.00	- 0.90	2.64
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 274				
Master Trust	143.65	151.21†	+ 0.56	0.98
UK Equity	173.96	183.12	- 0.26	2.76
UK Equity Income	154.75	162.89†	- 0.10	3.21
UK Smaller Cos	143.09	150.62	+ 0.21	1.53
UK Equity Growth	157.91	166.91†	- 0.25	1.85
UK Index Trckg	172.90	182.40	- 0.57	2.78
Intl Index Trckg	172.79	182.36	+ 1.14	0.82
International	278.05	292.68†	+ 2.66	0.71
European	253.38	266.72	+ 1.57	0.27
Pan European	168.50	177.37†	+ 1.14	1.38
Nth American	250.10	263.29†	+ 0.20	0.11
N Amer Smlr Cos	254.64	268.04	+ 5.20	.
Japanese	84.10	88.53†	+ 1.46	.
Pacific	239.09	251.67†	+ 2.70	0.43
South East Asian	285.40	300.61†	+ 2.56	0.53
Intl Bond	132.85	140.89	+ 0.90	3.33
Gilt & Convertible	112.46	118.38	- 0.77	5.77
Property	83.51	87.93†	+ 0.06	5.62
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	351.10	376.20	+ 3.10	0.08
-do- Accum	372.90	399.50	+ 3.30	0.08
Japan Inc	103.40	109.50†	+ 1.20	...
Nth American Inc	154.60	164.40	- 0.40	0.61
Worldwide Inc	180.20	193.10	+ 0.90	0.01
Hong Kong Inc	198.50	209.70	+ 1.30	0.82
Swiss Equities Inc	84.22	90.03	+ 1.57	.
Wwide Bond Inc	67.58	71.43	+ 0.25	4.98
Emerging Asia Inc	185.20	202.20†	+ 3.00	..
-do- Accum	186.90	202.80†	+ 2.90	...
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.18	50.18†		5.65
Thailand Inc	117.80	121.70†	+ 0.80	1.72
New Zealand Inc	105.90	114.10†	+ 1.20	1.91
Int Mngd PEP Inc	72.52	77.80	+ 0.27	0.89
Latin Am Cap Inc	62.38	66.81	+ 1.34	0.59
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	72.79	73.86	- 0.24	2.52
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Tracking	84.18	90.69†	+ 0.18	...
Global Portfolio	74.33	79.50	+ 0.06	..
Global Opps	63.70	68.13	+ 0.03	..
Marsh Global Gth	65.53	70.57	+ 0.36	..
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	112.30	118.60	- 0.20	...
Temple Equity Inc	49.44	53.05	+ 0.12	3.83
Hawley Growth	114.20	121.50	- 0.20	0.43
Intl Growth Inc	83.04	88.81†	- 0.21	0.45
IPS Portfolio Inc	91.30	97.65	+ 0.68	.
Pennant Pacing Inc	69.52	74.26	+ 0.24	1.39
Roxburgh Strat Gth	78.18	83.62†	+ 0.23	0.23
International Strat	82.49	87.78	- 0.06	...
LFC Growth	63.22	67.61	+ 0.06	..
Chartfield Port of Fds	53.88	57.90	- 0.07	..
Lower Intl Growth	50.57	53.23	+ 0.27	1.54
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3903				
Equity Gth	245.50	264.20	- 0.60	1.15
European Gth	133.10	140.92	+ 2.80	0.47
Income & Gth #	165.40	176.09	+ 0.10	3.01
Japan Gth	97.86	103.60	+ 2.70	..
Nth Amer Gth	222.80	237.09	+ 2.09	.
Overseas Gth	123.70	131.60	+ 2.10	...
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	283.30	301.30†	- 0.40	2.36
-do- Accum	628.90	668.90	- 0.80	2.36
Growth	185.80	195.80	- 0.20	2.61
Income	274.50	291.98		3.70
Intl Equity	285.10	303.30	+ 3.20	0.53
-do- Accum	319.20	338.80	+ 3.50	0.53
UK Income	76.36	81.23	+ 1.09	3.11
UK Intl 25	96.13	102.20	+ 1.40	1.88
New Europe	105.28	111.98	+ 1.40	0.06
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	692.82	740.52	+ 5.27	0.54
-do- Accum	697.12	745.17	+ 5.30	0.54
Income	451.35	482.73	- 1.03	2.91
Wwide Recovery	458.16	486.91	+ 3.77	0.48
Amer Growth Inc	320.03	342.06	+ 3.43	0.01
-do- Accum	320.93	342.05	+ 3.43	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	289.35	309.47	+ 3.16	0.07
Far Estn Gth Inc	308.24	329.07†	+ 1.83	0.01
-do- Accum	312.04	333.74	+ 1.85	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	184.55	196.81†	+ 1.02	0.38
-do- Accum	185.19	197.49	+ 1.02	0.38
UK Growth Inc	119.56	127.88	- 0.30	2.31
-do- Accum	128.42	137.35	- 0.38	2.31
High Income	119.11	127.40	- 0.31	3.51
Jap Gwth Inc	176.36	188.63	+ 2.86	0.57
-do- Accum	176.36	188.63	+ 2.86	0.57
PEP Bond	55.04	58.76	+ 0.13	7.56
PEP Growth	146.33	156.46	+ 0.77	0.05
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	139.17	148.85	+ 0.97	0.10
-do- Accum	139.50	149.20	+ 0.97	0.10
Amer Smlr Co Inc	201.86	215.89†	+ 2.96	0.01
-do- Accum	201.85	215.89	+ 2.96	0.01
Global Bond	56.44	59.45	+ 0.26	5.42
UK Smaller Cos Inc	109.68	117.31	+ 0.04	1.47
-do- Accum	116.84	124.97	+ 0.05	1.47
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3027				
American	135.61	145.52†	+ 1.90	..
European	93.33	99.20	+ 0.32	.
Global	69.76	73.58	+ 0.39	
Pacific	60.25	64.07†	+ 0.22	
UK Inc & Gwth	82.82	88.11	- 0.02	1.64
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 480				
Asia Acc	49.23	52.37	+ 0.68	0.07
Emerg Mkts	47.36	50.12	+ 0.57	1.84
Fund of Funds Inc	195.63	208.07	+ 0.59	0.57
Fund of Funds Acc	196.08	209.61	+ 0.58	0.57
High Income #	55.54	58.77	+ 0.11	5.53
Performance	48.27	51.29	- 0.19	...
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	121.85	129.46	..	1.82
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	127.50	135.80	+ 1.90	3.06
Conv & Gilt	121.80	129.60†	- 0.60	4.78
European Income	88.06	94.37†	+ 1.44	3.44
Extra Income	189.70	201.10	- 0.20	4.54
-do- Accum	247.80	263.60	- 0.20	4.54
Far East	389.20	424.70	+ 4.60	.
-do- Accum	407.80	453.00	+ 4.70	
Global Income	30.02	31.94	+ 0.22	3.75
High Income	143.20	152.40†	- 0.20	4.43
-do- Accum	183.00	195.40	- 0.20	4.43
International	212.10	225.60	+ 1.90	0.43
-do- Accum	220.90	235.00	+ 2.00	0.43
Pref & Fxd Int	48.07	49.01†	+ 0.07	7.07
Recovery	92.07	97.95	+ 0.20	2.18
Special Sits	153.30	163.10†	...	1.36
-do- Accum	171.10	182.00		1.36
Technology	708.40	753.80	+12.40	
UK Blue Chip	91.54	97.38	- 0.05	3.10
-do- Accum	107.20	114.00	- 0.19	3.10
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4480				
Managed Tst	46.55	48.24	+ 0.13	1.62
Cash Haven Inc	101.09	101.59†	+ 0.02	4.89
Cash Haven Acc	119.63	120.22	+ 0.02	4.89
Dist Trust Inc	108.26	112.29†	- 0.23	5.52
Dist Trust Acc	122.89	127.35	- 0.26	5.52
Global Growth	107.58	114.45	+ 0.19	1.19
Equity Inc	90.72	96.51†	- 0.22	4.57
Equity	903.54	961.21†	- 2.32	2.35
European	274.78	284.73†	+ 1.27	0.80
High Income	94.81	100.87	- 0.60	5.07
Intl Gth	225.79	240.30	+ 1.00	0.94
Intl Sm Co	97.24	103.45	+ 0.89	0.46
Japanese	193.53	200.55	+ 2.97	..
Nth Amer	250.03	259.19†	+ 0.57	1.26
Pacific Mkts	120.76	125.14	+ 0.94	0.50
Premier Inc	48.93	50.93†	- 0.23	6.52
Sm Cos	112.75	119.95†	+ 0.18	1.75
Spec Sits	130.89	139.24	- 0.33	2.71
UK Growth	152.35	162.07	- 0.41	2.35
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc for Inc	85.49	88.80	+ 0.28	3.72
Investment Trust	117.76	123.85	+ 0.29	0.61
UK Smaller Cos	108.79	115.45	- 0.04	1.27
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	347.10	368.20†	- 0.60	3.36
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	700.90	744.58	+ 7.33	0.21
America (Acc)	821.24	872.42	+ 8.58	0.21
Amer Smlr Cos	63.14	67.30	+ 0.89	.
Asia	55.68	59.82	+ 0.69	.
European	422.58	447.80	+ 4.84	0.37
Japan	210.86	224.29	+ 4.87	..
Jap Smlr Cos	35.47	37.85	+ 0.84	
Major UK Cos	122.70	130.85†	- 0.57	1.77
Smlr UK Cos	415.57	453.81	- 0.18	1.04
UK Equity Inc #	190.02	203.12†	- 0.11	4.20
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	52.17	54.48†	+ 0.49	
Cash	48.02	50.01†	+ 0.01	2.84
Emerging Mkts	46.09	48.13†	+ 0.61	.
Europe	62.62	65.39†	+ 0.68	.
Global Fixed Int #	50.23	52.56†	+ 0.32	5.91
Japan	38.02	39.70†	+ 0.19	..
North America	70.47	73.59†	+ 1.21	...
UK	67.43	70.42†	+ 0.07	0.45
UK Equity Inc #	62.89	65.68†	+ 0.05	3.58
UK Fixed Int #	51.46	53.74†	- 0.01	7.20
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	51.91	53.79	+ 0.34	.
Pep Inc Port #	51.84	53.71	+ 0.11	4.24
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	90.98	95.78	+ 0.01	..
Gilt	104.52	110.02	- 0.59	..
Managed	121.22	127.58	+ 0.38	.
Portfolio	51.23	53.92	+ 0.28	..
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 280 000				
United States	126.50	134.60†	+ 2.60	0.31
Pacific Basin	81.04	86.68	+ 1.60	0.29
High Inc Dist	163.80	174.90	+ 1.30	1.61
Ryl Life Int Curry	65.69	69.26	+ 0.16	3.78
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	79.25	84.43	+ 1.84	0.09
Ryl Life Intl Spec	72.66	77.29	+ 1.49	..
UK Emerging Cos	144.10	155.70	+ 0.80	1.33
UK Index Trckg	203.70	218.40	+ 0.90	3.45
European	175.60	188.00†	+ 4.60	0.25
Managed	184.50	198.30	+ 2.30	1.90
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	201.00	213.70	+ 3.10	1.14
European Growth	139.10	147.40	+ 2.20	1.90
Far East Growth	150.60	160.30	+ 2.40	0.78
Japan Growth	114.10	121.30†	+ 1.80	.
Special Sits	254.00	270.20	+ 0.90	1.82
UK Growth	105.30	112.00†	+ 0.60	2.78
Trilion General	286.50	304.90	+ 4.00	1.68
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	175.90	186.10	+ 2.30	0.51
Gr Euro Prog Inc	435.70	461.10	+ 6.40	0.69
-do- Accum	683.30	723.10	+ 0.40	0.69
Growth Inc	156.30	165.30	+ 0.10	0.94
-do- Accum	160.60	169.90	+ 0.10	0.94
International Inc	409.90	433.80	+ 1.10	0.79
-do- Accum	567.20	600.20	+ 1.50	0.79
Nth Am & Intl Inc	408.70	432.50	+ 4.50	
UK Gen Prog Inc	262.10	277.40	- 0.60	1.01
-do- Accum	300.20	317.70	- 0.60	1.01
UK High Inc Inc	153.20	162.10	- 0.20	4.41
SARINA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	130.15	138.46	+ 0.86	0.75
European Gwth	93.01	98.94†	+ 0.85	1.00
Global Bd	81.91	85.57	+ 0.32	5.09
Japan	49.27	52.41	+ 1.18	..
UK Gwth	92.65	98.56†	- 0.06	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Dealers: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smlr Cos	155.10	165.00	+ 3.80	..
Cash	136.00	136.00	...	5.34
China Dragon	71.82	76.40	+ 1.29	1.26
Commodity	147.50	156.90	+ 0.80	..
Emerging Mkts	35.62	37.89	+ 0.76	0.32
European Gwth	244.90	260.50†	+ 4.80	0.65
Euro Smlr Cos	73.50	78.19†	+ 1.54	0.24
Extra Income #	58.51	60.01†	+ 0.05	5.88
Far Eastern	105.80	112.60	+ 1.90	.
FE Sm Cos	40.81	43.41	+ 0.59	.
Financial Secs	323.20	343.80†	+ 2.40	0.74
Gold & Exploration	97.57	103.80	+ 1.18	..
Growth	458.90	488.20	+ 1.50	1.68
High Income	50.30	50.35†	+ 0.01	4.50
High Yield #	267.80	285.00	+ 0.30	2.53
Intl Bond	165.80	175.10	+ 2.50	5.83
ITU	240.00	255.30	+ 0.70	0.95
Income #	137.80	146.60		3.03
Japan Growth	156.70	166.50	+ 3.60	...
Japan Smaller	166.70	177.30	+ 3.30	...
Korea	39.86	42.43†	- 0.01	..
Latin America	39.12	41.62	+ 1.23	0.81
Masterfund	65.24	65.57†	+ 0.65	0.92
Premier Eq Gth	168.80	179.60	+ 0.40	1.82
Premier Eq Inc #	372.10	395.80†	+ 0.70	4.06
Scotyields #	293.00	311.70	+ 0.50	3.23
Select Intl	159.90	170.10	+ 1.70	0.98
Smaller Cos Inc #	263.40	280.20	- 0.40	3.21
SE Asia	51.55	54.84	+ 0.97	0.35
Southern Africa	50.88	54.13	+ 0.84	1.50
UK & O'seas	202.50	215.40	+ 1.80	1.09
UK Eqty Gth	84.27	89.61	+ 0.22	1.26
UK Eqty Inc #	264.80	281.70	+ 0.20	4.19
UK Gth & Inc #	303.00	322.30	+ 0.50	3.39
UK Sm Cos	67.33	66.24	+ 0.11	1.26
US Growth	225.10	239.50	+ 2.30	0.67
Univ Growth	163.80	174.30	+ 1.60	0.76
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cust: 0800 526 535 Dlrs: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	355.42	376.03†	- 5.31	0.46
-do- Accum	393.59	416.42†	- 5.89	0.46
European Gwth	92.47	97.84†	+ 0.89	0.70
Euro Smlr Cos	113.47	120.67†	+ 1.45	0.16
Far Eastern Gth	106.24	113.32	+ 1.46	.
-do- Accum	108.28	115.51	+ 1.49	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	53.42	56.26	- 0.36	7.35
Global Bond #	48.66	51.56	+ 0.66	5.98
-do- Accum #	58.43	61.40	+ 0.82	5.98
Global Emer Mkts	52.86	56.55	+ 0.85	...
-do- Accum	53.03	56.56	+ 0.85	.
Income #	425.74	454.12	- 2.86	4.85
-do- Accum #	814.42	815.85	- 6.95	4.85
Japan Smlr Cos	372.61	397.66	+ 5.81	.
-do- Accum	373.36	398.46	+ 5.82	...
Japan Enterprise	58.65	61.92	+ 1.24	...
Pacific Gwth	166.57	177.67	+ 1.90	0.20
-do- Accum	172.54	184.04	+ 2.07	0.20
Portfolio	98.43	102.80	+ 0.12	1.66
-do- Accum	107.25	114.34	+ 0.14	1.66
Seoul	35.27	37.62†	- 0.13	
-do- Accum	35.27	37.62†	- 0.13	
Smaller Cos	333.18	355.39†	+ 0.64	0.58
Strategic Inc	103.57	110.31	+ 0.27	2.91
Strategic Acc	104.44	111.34	+ 0.38	2.81
Tokyo	117.40	125.22	+ 2.08	.
-do- Accum	118.58	126.48	+ 3.02	.
UK Enterprise	346.63	369.72	- 1.29	2.13
-do- Accum	428.34	456.88	- 3.97	2.13
UK Equity	312.60	333.44	- 2.17	2.42
-do- Accum	631.65	673.98	- 4.37	2.42
US Smlr Cos	233.72	249.19†	+ 1.10	..
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Institutional Funds				
European	284.95	303.96	+ 3.42	1.34
-do- Accum	323.68	345.52	+ 3.86	1.34
Euro Smlr Cos	37.39	39.90†	+ 0.61	1.07
-do- Accum	40.52	42.16†	+ 0.67	1.07
Global Equity Inc	92.78	96.64†	+ 1.18	0.78
Japan Smlr Cos	32.99	34.35	+ 0.50	0.05
-do- Accum	33.31	34.60	+ 0.50	0.05
Mngd Balanced	228.95	238.48	+ 0.47	3.07
-do- Accum	269.04	280.25	+ 0.56	3.07
Overseas Equity	220.67	229.85	+ 3.13	1.05
-do- Accum	231.47	241.11	+ 3.29	1.05
Oseas Smlr Cos	142.80	148.83	+ 2.01	0.65
-do- Accum	151.35	157.45	+ 2.12	0.65
Pacific	295.40	307.70†	+ 3.99	1.18
-do- Accum	329.61	343.34†	+ 4.34	1.18
Recovery	123.93	124.93	-13.53	2.86
-do- Accum	228.34	237.45	-14.99	2.86
UK Index	189.35	197.23†	- 0.82	3.35
-do- Accum	245.40	256.65†	- 0.81	3.35
UK Small Cos	146.60	152.70	+ 0.20	2.33
-do- Accum	162.74	169.52	+ 0.22	2.33
US Smlr Cos	65.91	68.69†	+ 0.21	0.69
-do- Accum	68.73	71.59†	+ 0.21	0.69
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	61.20	64.72	+ 0.34	3.05
Equity Trust	79.29	83.85	+ 0.44	2.76
Equity Strategy	82.88	87.69	+ 0.25	1.27
European Opps	108.26	114.62	+ 4.11	0.46
UK Smaller Cos	80.12	84.73	+ 0.13	1.00
Mountain Inc	98.58	102.18	+ 0.01	6.58
Japanese	68.51	72.45	+ 0.89	.
Asia Pacific	126.70	133.98	+ 1.36	0.44
American	141.13	149.24	+ 0.42	0.11
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	33.55	33.59†	+ 0.01	5.46
UK General Inc	64.18	69.18†	- 0.20	3.16
-do- Accum	87.18	92.92†	- 0.28	3.16
Intl Income	292.30	310.92†	+ 0.25	1.63
-do- Accum	517.19	549.66†	+ 0.44	1.63
European	104.09	110.28†	+ 0.89	1.75
Japan	59.41	62.91†	+ 1.61	0.10
American	101.43	107.38†	- 0.28	1.22
Far East	88.87	94.09	+ 0.77	1.28
Ethical Inc	41.69	44.58	- 0.02	1.82
UK Blue Chip Inc	40.99	43.77†	- 0.15	3.58
High Inc Inc	42.13	44.59†	- 0.20	3.78
UK Global Inc	49.15	52.37†	- 0.11	2.08
Wwide Tact	83.63	89.11	- 0.25	1.80
Europe 2000 Tact	71.43	75.99	+ 0.65	1.42
Technology	159.18	169.50	+ 1.21	0.79
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	496.10	526.60	- 1.70	3.12
American	362.90	384.80	- 0.90	0.36
Pacific	397.20	424.80	+ 5.20	0.21
European	687.40	735.20	+ 6.90	0.68
Worldwide	104.30	108.30	+ 0.50	0.30
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	335.80	357.40†	- 1.20	2.00
-do- Accum	445.30	473.00†	- 1.80	2.00
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	281.00	299.00†	+ 0.20	0.90
-do- Accum	347.40	369.80†	+ 0.70	0.90
Select Opptny Inc	85.28	91.21	- 0.05	1.55
Income Plus Inc	82.35	86.68	- 0.18	2.13
European Inc	439.40	467.20	+ 3.20	0.65
-do- Accum	506.40	538.60	+ 3.70	0.65
Far Eastern Inc	184.80	196.70	+ 1.20	0.61
-do- Accum	214.80	228.10	+ 1.40	0.61
Japanese Inc	54.61	58.10	+ 1.09	.
Nth American Inc	343.80	365.70	+ 1.80	0.15
-do- Accum	380.40	404.60	+ 1.30	0.15
Eur Growth Inc	230.60	245.40†	+ 2.10	0.21
Wwide Venture Inc	93.39	99.29	+ 0.80	0.42
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	461.30	492.00	+ 1.80	2.43
-do- Accum	707.70	754.80	+ 2.70	2.43
UK High Inc	220.50	235.20	+ 1.20	2.66
-do- Accum	342.10	364.90	+ 1.60	2.66
Europe Inc	484.20	518.50	+20.60	0.43
Nth Amer Inc	333.00	355.10	+ 4.40	...
Global Inc	255.70	272.70	+ 6.50	0.09
Global Acc	276.60	295.00	+ 7.00	0.09
UK Spec Sits Inc	133.50	142.40	+ 0.60	1.72
South East Asia	232.90	248.30	+ 4.10	..
Cash Trust Inc	100.00	100.00		5.22
UK Smlr Cos Inc	126.10	134.50	+ 0.10	1.68
-do- Accum	132.60	141.40	+ 0.10	1.68
Intl Bond Inc	92.94	98.67	+ 1.90	5.18
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	163.40	172.00	+ 2.30	0.63
Nth American	148.40	156.20	+ 0.90	.
Intl Bond & Conv	128.60	135.40†	+ 0.20	6.54
Pooled Pension (E)	237.80	255.50†	- 1.60	2.04
Smaller Cos	118.60	124.80†	+ 0.30	0.92
UK General #	169.80	178.70†	- 0.10	2.12
Far Eastern	92.46	97.30	+ 0.99	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 628 6226				
UK Equity Inc ‡	106.26	...	- 0.47	4.85
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.29		+ 0.02	4.77
Preferred Income ‡	104.57	...	- 0.13	5.16
Tai Parr ‡	112.31		+ 1.67	
Aztec ‡	86.76		+ 2.03	...
Amer Gth Fund ‡	132.73		+ 1.33	..
European ‡	169.09		+ 2.88	.
Global Bond ‡	88.69	..	+ 0.77	7.77
Sereno ‡	53.63		+ 0.97	
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Pref Inc PEP #	104.90	111.50	..	6.01
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	444.70	470.59†	+ 7.50	...
Capital	145.90	155.80	+ 0.60	1.28
Cash	100.92	100.92	..	5.33
European	164.10	173.60†	+ 2.70	0.61
Far Eastern	156.90	166.00	+ 2.70	..
Growth	168.50	178.30	+ 1.20	1.15
Income #	141.80	150.00	+ 0.50	4.83
Magnate	154.00	164.70	+ 0.70	1.34
Smlr Sits	559.60	592.10	+ 1.00	0.32
Thoroughbred	179.40	192.80	+ 0.90	1.23
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cerfd Prfnce	57.81	61.79	- 0.06	7.00
Ethical	82.18	87.89	+ 0.38	0.92
European Growth	83.18	88.28	+ 0.69	0.43
Income	61.99	66.30†	+ 0.07	3.42
Intl Growth	112.80	119.50	+ 0.70	0.67
Managed	94.84	100.30	+ 0.56	0.57
UK Growth	79.08	84.57	+ 0.06	1.34
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	47.15	47.39	+ 0.40	1.24
Global Advtg Acc	51.30	51.65	+ 0.50	1.24
Income Advtg Inc	36.49	36.66†	+ 0.20	2.86
Income Advtg Acc	42.92	43.14	+ 0.20	2.86
UK Equity Gth Acc	105.40	111.80	+ 0.49	0.86
Premier Inc Inc	49.60	52.29†	..	6.76
Premier Inc Acc	54.01	56.85		6.76
Managed Acc	85.12	89.08	+ 0.69	1.54
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	42.04	44.57	+ 0.20	3.76
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	56.09	59.40	+ 0.20	3.76
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	81.01	86.66	+ 0.40	1.90
UK Equity Gen Inc	58.08	61.63	+ 0.30	1.90
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	32.14	33.89	...	6.61
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	384.40	395.40	+ 6.10	1.40
Nth American Acc	80.09	83.85	+ 0.70	
Pacific Basin	45.98	48.85	+ 0.60	0.16
European Acc	60.87	63.79	+ 1.10	0.40
Japan Acc	24.71	26.26	+ 0.40	.
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	4.730	5.033	-0.069	1.83
US Eqts (US$)	3.642	3.862	-0.052	0.77
Far East Eqts (yen)	258.60	274.90	- 7.20	.
FT Europe	158.00	165.70†	+2.860	1.19
FT N Amer (US$)	2.830	3.000	-0.500	.
FT Japan (yen)	221.20	233.70	- 8.50	.
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	3.122	3.318†	-3.800	0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	554.40	587.30	+13.90	
British #	1321.70	1398.40	- 0.40	2.95
Emerging Mkts	157.40	167.80	+ 1.50	0.78
Euro Small Co	61.74	65.75	+ 0.62	0.62
Japan	117.40	124.50	+ 1.90	...
New Pacific	443.90	472.80	+ 1.30	1.12
-do- Accum	477.60	508.70	+ 1.40	1.12
Inv Trust Acc	303.80	322.00	+ 0.50	1.21
Mngd Equity	209.80	221.80	+ 0.40	1.57
Mngd Cash	98.04	98.04	+ 0.01	5.39
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
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Equity	1111.40	1188.60	- 5.80	2.67
North America	207.20	221.80	+ 2.10	.
Far East	166.10	177.60	+ 1.10	.
Wwide Bond	58.12	61.58	+ 0.69	3.91
European	144.80	154.90	+ 1.80	0.57
Equity Income #	109.70	117.30†	- 0.60	5.25
Portfolio	113.60	121.50	+ 0.40	1.62
UK Leading Cos	80.93	86.32	- 0.32	3.42
High Inc Bond	50.60	50.69†	- 0.04	6.44
Broker Trusts				
Intel Equity	75.63	80.89	+ 0.13	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Antares UT	24.43	25.89†	+ 0.18	0.01
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	98.67	104.97	.	7.06
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	103.14	109.73†		7.06
European	49.35	52.50†	+ 0.45	0.18
High Income	35.74	38.03†	- 0.13	3.99
Japan	31.41	33.42†	+ 0.72	0.01
Managed Assets	146.24	156.41	- 0.04	2.38
North American	47.74	50.79†	+ 0.28	0.45
Smlr Co's Inc	37.69	40.10†	- 0.06	1.75
Smlr Co's Acc	41.41	44.06†	- 0.06	1.75
UK Growth Inc	65.61	69.80	- 0.28	2.48
UK Growth Acc	73.90	78.62†	- 0.32	2.48
UK Income	45.56	48.73†	- 0.13	3.24
Worldwide Gth	41.42	44.30†	+ 0.45	0.01
SLC Pensions Funds				
Asian & Oceania Ex	32.91	35.93†	+ 0.31	1.47
European Exmpt	97.25	100.26	+ 1.01	1.14
Japan Exempt	26.85	27.49†	+ 0.59	0.12
US Exmpt	99.87	102.96†	+ 0.59	1.13
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	57.22	60.87	- 0.25	.
Cap Protected Inc	48.80	51.92	...	2.81
UK Income Inc	62.61	66.61	...	3.22
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	36.18	38.24		4.71
Mngd High Yld Inc	97.65	97.50†	...	4.44
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	88.78	94.43†	..	3.31
UK Smaller Cos	42.07	44.76	...	1.70
Pacific Grth Port	53.19	56.59	...	0.68
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	323.76	342.60	+ 2.16	
-do- Accum	356.69	377.36	+ 2.38	.
Brit Growth	122.75	129.98	- 0.37	1.58
-do- Accum	153.53	162.47	- 0.46	1.58
European	126.76	134.16	+ 0.70	0.35
-do- Accum	135.42	143.30†	+ 0.75	0.35
Extra Income #	211.68	224.00	- 0.48	4.84
-do- Accum #	389.32	411.90	- 0.88	4.84
Smaller Cos	93.01	98.42	+ 0.02	0.68
-do- Accum	106.62	112.84	+ 0.03	0.68
General	363.68	384.84	- 0.77	1.77
-do- Accum	777.30	822.54	- 1.63	1.77
Premier Income	52.39	54.57†	+ 0.03	6.17
-do- Accum	132.14	137.85†	+ 0.04	6.17
Income #	381.65	403.86†	- 0.57	3.06
-do- Accum #	898.75	948.84†	- 1.35	3.06
Pacific	408.25	429.80	+ 4.32	0.05
-do- Accum	426.86	451.71	+ 4.54	0.05
International	538.03	573.04†	+ 3.93	0.08
-do- Accum	590.65	606.83†	+ 5.19	0.08
Nat Resources	178.86	189.30	- 0.94	0.26
Stock Opps	128.21	135.71	- 0.33	0.92
-do- Accum	169.33	179.19	- 0.43	0.92
Environmental Inv	82.16	86.98	- 0.01	1.02
Selector	75.17	79.56†	- 0.07	1.36
-do- Accum	87.83	92.94†	- 0.09	1.36
High Income	71.08	75.21	- 0.16	4.09
-do- Accum	96.90	102.12	- 0.21	4.09
Intl Income	83.05	88.22	+ 0.34	4.61
-do- Accum	84.25	89.15	+ 0.46	4.61
Selector Income	67.37	71.29†	- 0.01	4.28
-do- Accum	85.93	90.92†	- 0.02	4.28
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0161 687 1018				
British	419.43	441.51	- 1.51	2.33
European	76.14	78.73†	+ 0.31	1.51
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	240.21	256.91	+ 1.82	2.17
Glob Balncd Inc	199.85	213.52	+ 1.05	3.20
Value Tst Inc	145.31	155.41†	+ 0.48	2.04
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	42.78	44.46	+ 0.44	5.90
European Growth	345.84	382.13	+ 2.20	1.80
Exempt	684.09	724.44†	- 1.84	3.20
Global Em Mkts	80.13	83.80	+ 1.08	0.69
Japan Tst	71.15	74.50	+ 1.75	...
Little Dragons	100.09	104.74	+ 0.60	.
Nth Amer Gwth	306.85	319.73	+ 0.44	0.50
Oriental Income #	46.11	48.28†	+ 0.58	3.90
Pathfinder	132.47	138.71†	+ 0.27	0.60
Tiger	300.87	315.04	+ 2.07	..
UK Blue Chip	80.52	84.31	- 0.45	1.80
UK Growth	681.29	713.38†	- 1.83	0.80
UK High Yield #	118.36	122.99†	- 0.25	5.60
UK Mid-Cap	338.81	353.92	+ 0.60	1.70
UK Smlr Cos	135.77	142.16	+ 0.88	0.70
UK Smlr Cos Div #	93.10	97.48	- 0.35	5.69
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 396				
UK Equity Income #	116.32	123.74	- 0.54	4.95
UK Equity Growth	104.54	111.21	- 0.67	2.87
European	78.69	83.67	+ 0.49	1.32
Nth American	89.18	94.87	+ 0.97	0.12
Far Eastern	77.50	82.45†	+ 0.67	0.69
Money	72.10	72.38		4.81
Fixed Interest #	81.89	86.27	- 0.32	7.48
Index Linked Gilt	74.21	78.96	- 0.28	1.22
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	109.65	109.65	- 0.56	6.80
Pens Growth	101.83	101.83	..	..
Pens Inc Pnsks	101.69	101.69	.	
UK Index Tracking @	133.71	133.71	- 0.42	2.80
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	28.20	29.86	- 0.18	.
Pacific Basin	40.85	43.03	+ 0.36	.
Global Bond (US$)	0.9151	0.9532	-0.0088	...
Penny Share	41.80	44.18	- 1.30	...
Japan Smlr Cos	38.46	40.48	- 0.08	.
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Challenger	80.92	80.73†	+ 0.18	2.90
Short Dtd Gilt	125.20	126.90	..	.
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7968	0.7971†	+ 0.30	...
Gilt Income	52.17	54.78	- 0.10	8.40
Gilt Growth	78.59	81.76†	- 0.21	.
Sterling Bond	49.47	54.29†	- 0.22	6.65
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4900				
Intl Mgd	58.39	59.85	- 0.52	1.96
UK Stockpicker	105.80	112.50	- 0.28	2.45
Corporate Bd Inc	49.65	49.78	- 0.03	6.55
Bd Accum	51.34	51.37	- 0.40	6.55

Source: FT Information

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131	67½	Burn Stewart	71	..	6.0	75.5
855	615	Glenmorangie A	847½		1.8	23.0
496	411	Grand Met	456½	− 3½	4.2	19.4
483	430	Guinness	450½	− 4	4.2	14.0
378	315	Highland Dist	340	+ 2½	3.1	16.4
403	267½	Matthew Clark	284	− 1	10.5	13.5
141	91½	Merrydown W	107½	+ 12½	5.5	14.2
2012½	1481¼	SA Breweries	1535	+ 40½	2.1	

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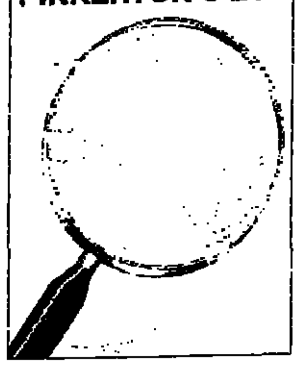

A monthly column from the security and detection agency

LOW RISK

TRAVELLERS are cautioned to maintain a low profile in **The Gambia** during the election period until mid-January. Police in **Thailand** have given a warning that gangsters in Pattaya are robbing and killing tourists after they have been drugged by prostitutes.

MODERATE RISK

Political violence is reported in Accra, **Ghana**, as the December 7 elections approach. In **Mexico** the Revolutionary Army of Popular Insurgence has begun operations.

HIGH RISK

Last month five members of a family were killed in São Paulo in **Brazil**. This takes the number of murders this year in the city to 162. A curfew has been imposed on Bangui, the capital of the **Central African Republic**, because of the army mutiny. In **Colombia** it is estimated there are an average of three kidnappings a day in a rapidly rising crime rate. Fighting in northeast **Zaire** continues as Tutsi rebels expand their front by routing Zairean troops. The defeated army has been raping and looting as it retreats.

EXTREME RISK

Air routes overflying **Afghanistan** should be avoided after reports that the Islamic fundamentalist Taleban is using Stinger surface to air missiles. Violence in **Algeria** is expected to intensify after voters ratified a new constitution on November 28 prohibiting political parties based on religion and ethnicity. Travellers are advised to avoid **Angola** because of violent crime and possible political-military instability. Daylight robberies have been reported in the capital Luanda and foreign nationals are subject to arbitrary detention.

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UK basks in late autumn sun

By Harvey Elliott

ONE OF the sunniest Novembers ever recorded has given a countrywide autumn boost to Britain's already booming tourism industry. Official figures show that despite the recent run of cold, damp and windy days, there has rarely been so much sun in November. From Scotland to Cornwall, hoteliers, holiday cottage owners and tourism attractions benefited as thousands of families rushed to take advantage of the perfect weather for walks in the country or along deserted beaches.

The West Country Tourist Board, for example, says that the number of people making inquiries and booking short-break holidays leapt by 23 per cent compared with last November. A tourist board spokesman said: "Hotels throughout the region had a busy month. The good weather obviously helped to convince people that they should spend time out and about."

The National Trust said that bookings for its 230 holiday cottages in England, Wales and Northern Ireland were up by 10 per cent. Country Holidays, the UK's biggest holiday cottage company, with more than 4,000 properties, said that lettings were 11 per cent up on last year.

The cause of the rush to the countryside appears to have been the surprising amount of sunshine between the autumn showers. The absence of penetrating frosts and, until recently, strong winds also meant that trees retained their leaves and kept their autumn colours for longer than usual.

Country hotels across Britain report thousands of extra bookings as families take advantage of perfect weather conditions for walking trips

The trust added: "There has been an increasing demand for short breaks; it seems people have discovered that there is something to do in Britain, even in November."

Even the Meteorological Office in London was surprised by the statistics. A forecaster said: "There was well above the average amount of sunshine right across the country from Scotland to the South East. Temperatures were close to the average for the time of year and, though it was wet, the rain tended to fall at night, so there was more sun during the day."

In the South East the Met Office reported that sunshine for November was 50 per cent above average and rainfall was 60 per cent above average.

The Ramblers' Association said: "It was perfect weather for walking. In the summer our 400 groups do more evening walks, but we have just as many during the day in the autumn and winter. This year, with light crisp frosts and sunshine between the showers, was ideal for getting out into the country."

Now the association has organised the Festival of Winter Walks throughout Britain from Boxing Day to New Year's Day in the hope that the good weather will continue.

Country Holidays said that the Lake District, the Cotswolds and the Peak District were particularly popular in November, with holidaymakers eagerly booking cottages with open fires from £60 for a three-day break.

The National Trust said that the demand for short breaks had proved particularly strong during November. A National Trust spokesman commented: "We had a huge increase in the number of people ringing on a Thursday when they saw the weather forecast and asking what was still available for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday."

The Met Office predicts that this coming weekend will also prove ideal for short breaks in the British countryside.

Greek bars peg drink prices

By Harvey Elliott

MORE than 100 hotels and bars of Halkidiki — a peninsula on the Greek mainland, which is visited by about 80,000 British tourists each year — have agreed to offer fixed prices for drinks and snacks throughout next summer in an attempt to attract cost-conscious tourists.

Many prices now routinely charged in hotel bars in the area will be cut by up to 40 per cent in the move which follows "growing concern throughout the country over the 24 per cent slump in visitors this year compared with last year.

Halkidiki has not suffered as badly as the rest of the country — this year there were only 5 per cent fewer tourists. Already bookings for next year show a marked improvement on last summer but members of the Halkidiki Hotel Association have agreed to offer stable prices on a range of popular products so that tourists can budget in advance.

A glass of local wine, a litre of mineral water or a cup of Greek coffee will all cost 300 drachmas or about 65p. Local brandy will be priced at 450 drachmas (£1.15) a glass, a portion of *horiatiki* or Greek salad will costs 650 drachmas (£1.65) and *moussaka* 850 drachmas (£2.15).

Halkidiki is in the northern area known as Macedonia. It has 500 kilometres of coastline and is used by 19 British tour operators with flights from ten airports. Next year Salonika, where charter flights land, is designated the European City of Culture.

Adventure holiday centres win new safety licences

By Tony Dawe

THE first licences for outdoor activity centres, under a new law introduced to reassure parents that their children will be safe on adventure holidays, will be announced next month. Inspectors from the newly formed Adventure Activities Licensing Authority have visited scores of centres and have approved safety standards at 50, ranging from large ones run by local councils to a mountaineering holiday run by one man.

The safety measures come after the Dorset canoeing tragedy in 1993, in which four teenagers from a school party died in Lyme Bay during a trip organised by a private activity centre. The new law requires commercial centres that provide caving, climbing, trekking and watersports activities for youngsters under 18 to hold a licence.

About 1,000 centres are thought to fall within the scope of the law. Most have applied for a licence and are undergoing inspection.

John Walsh-Heron, the chief executive of the licensing authority, says: "The safety standards in practice in the organisations we have already inspected are on the whole quite good, but we shall be turning down some centres and advising the people who run them on the improvements they need to make."

Mr Walsh-Heron has been impressed by the number of voluntary organisations, including the Youth Hostels Association and Scouting groups, which have asked to be licensed although they are not covered by the law.

He believes that a voluntary scheme should be introduced to run in conjunction with the statutory system. "If organisations want to prove they are taking safety seriously," he adds, "they should be acknowledged."

The authority, which is administered by Tourism Quality Services, a Cardiff-based leisure company, is concerned, however, that some centres have decided to opt out of the legislation.

Mr Walsh-Heron says it is quite easy to opt out if you canoe on a small stretch of calm water or pony-trek on open land close to a main road. This is an important issue, which must be addressed."

JULIAN HERBERT

The new rules cover watersports, caving and climbing

Hamlet's tomb foils airport expansion

By Harvey Elliott and Glyn Genin

PLANS to extend the terminal at one of Europe's fastest-growing airports have been halted by the remains of the nobleman on whom Shakespeare is believed to have based Hamlet.

According to legend, one of six protected burial mounds alongside the terminal buildings at Billund in Jutland contains the bones of Amlet, a Danish King who lived many years before Christ yet whose exploits were so remarkable they reached the ears of Shakespeare.

The Danish historian Saxo, who lived between 1190 and 1210, recorded the story of Prince Amlet, who was at the centre of an extraordinary royal intrigue that resulted in his being sent to England on a false mission which was supposed to have resulted in his death. But he survived, and after many adventures he married the English King's daughter, before returning to Denmark to defeat the conspirators and become King.

The only Danish town then known to the outside world was Helsingor, which provided the name for the castle in *Hamlet*. After his death, King Amlet was buried with five of his courtiers near Billund.

The site, now a protected Danish monument, was discovered by labourers in 1896, who uncovered a splendid gold bracelet believed to have been worn by Amlet.

Billund has a population of only 8,000 but its airport became one of the most important in northern Europe after Maersk, the Danish private airline, developed it as a "hub", providing an interchange for flights throughout the region and a growing number of services to Britain. Tens of thousands of children also use the airport on their way to the nearby Legoland theme park.

Once the airport had outgrown its capacity of two million passengers a year, the authority wanted to build a new terminal adjoining the existing one. That would have encroached on the tombs, however, so the authority has been ordered to build the 50,000 sq ft terminal on the opposite side of the runway at a cost of £75 million.

Maersk says that it needs the new terminal to expand its scheduled services still further, but has decided it must not even attempt to disturb the legend of Amlet, preferring instead to name its recently improved business-class lounge at the airport the "King Amlet".

Bermuda cashes in on low fares

BERMUDA is cashing in on falling air fares to become one of the fastest-growing short-break destinations in the world.

Three-day breaks now cost from £469, including the seven-hour flight and self-catering accommodation, or from £499 for three nights in a top hotel. But anybody with relatives or friends on the Atlantic island will be charged £349 for a return flight with British Airways between January 10 and February 28. The weekday flights depart on Tuesdays and Thursdays and must be booked by December 18.

The Bermuda Festival is taking place on the island at the same time and includes performances by the pianist David Owen Norris, the Vienna Boys' Choir and the English Chamber Orchestra.

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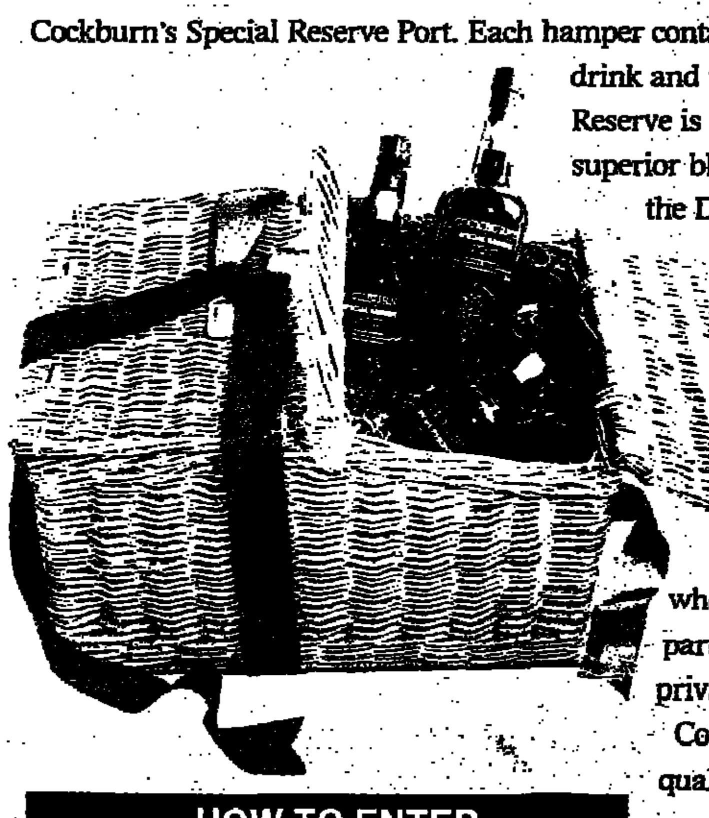

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CHANGING TIMES

New disabled law 'will boost tourism'

By David Churchill

THE British travel industry may be missing out on business worth more than £6 billion a year because of its attitude towards disabled holidaymakers, according to the English Tourist Board.

But new legislation which came into force this week making it unlawful to discriminate against the disabled could force the industry to rethink its approach.

Already a group of leading hotel chains, including Thistle, Inter-Continental, Hilton and Novotel, have formed a group called the Hoteliers Forum in an attempt to improve accessibility and attitude towards disabled guests.

Robert Peel, chief executive of Thistle, says: "We plan by the year 2000 to have one in every 50 rooms suitable for the disabled. But I would like to see greater awareness of the needs of people with disabilities."

The new legislation says that disabled people have right of access in three major areas: service, information and premises. "This means that refusing to serve customers with disabilities or providing them with second-rate services will be illegal," says Tim Bartlett, chief executive of the ETB.

Mr Bartlett says businesses "that plan to provide a better service to disabled visitors could release about £6 billion worth of new money into the tourism industry." Another survey carried out Europe-wide by management consultants Deloitte Touche found that only about five million disabled people travel around Europe. But the survey suggested a potential market of 14 million disabled tourists.

Mary Baker, who heads an industry lobby group called Tourism For All, says the legislation "will help change attitudes towards the disabled".

She points out that it is not just wheelchair access that is important but also facilities for those with all forms of disabilities, including the elderly. In Britain there are six million adults with disabilities. And by the year 2005, one in every five people in the United Kingdom will be aged over 60.

Many travel operators already provide a comprehensive service for the disabled. British Airways says it provides wheelchairs for passengers who need them from the aircraft to the terminal and will carry collapsible wheelchairs if possible.

Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest travel operator says: "We take each case on an individual basis. But arrangements for disabled customers can only be made provided that we and our suppliers are confident that we can accommodate any special requirements."

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Serious talk about tourism

The Travel Business

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Every so often the House of Commons proves that the art of serious debate is not dead and that, despite the daily demand for meaningless "soundbite" confrontations, some MPs are still capable of arguing sensibly about a real issue.

The House last week held just such a discussion and, for the first time in two years, it was about tourism. Often it was impossible to tell which party a particular speaker belonged to as politicians genuinely tried to thrash out the best way of helping and encouraging what they all agreed was a vital industry.

True, some MPs felt obliged to get their names into their local papers by heaping praise on the tourist attractions in their own constituencies. And occasionally the veneer of genuine intellectual debate slipped before the driving need for the less confident Members to make some facile political point.

But coming days after the National Heritage Committee's first report on tourism, there is clearly a certain acceptance that what until recently was regarded as a frippery really does have an important part to play in British life.

Look at the facts. During the past ten years, the number of people employed in manufacturing industries has fallen by 20 per cent, while employment in tourism, leisure and hospitality has grown by 31 per cent. The industry now employs more people than agriculture, coal-mining, steel-making, food production and the textile industry put together.

Within the next three years, tourism will be the world's biggest industry. In Britain it generates £37 billion a year or more than 5 per cent of GDP, employs 1.8 million people directly, millions more indirectly and should create up to a million new jobs in the next ten years.

Yet though every pound spent on promotion by the British Tourist Authority (BTA) results in a return of £27 to the economy, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has just reduced its grant by £500,000 a year.

He also doubled the air passenger duty, or airport tax.

In last Friday's debate, some MPs wanted children to be exempt from the tax, others backed the Heritage Committee's call for a quadrupling of funds for the BTA. Some said that the cuts in BTA funds were "barmy" while others were convinced that the departure tax would not put off anyone from visiting or leaving Britain.

But two contributions, one from a Tory and one from Labour, particularly caught my attention. Jonathan Aitken (Conservative, South Thanet) revealed the existence of a ministerial co-ordinating committee on tourism. It has not met for five years and has withered away completely for lack of interest.

And Gerald Kaufman (Labour, Manchester Gorton) pointed out that during the debate a maximum of 22 Members had been in the chamber at any one time.

It seems that the MPs' first task is to convince their fellows that the industry is genuinely important. And then perhaps prevent the Chancellor from doing his best to shackle it.

Bargains of the week — from 14 days in The Gambia to Christmas in Champagne

HOLIDAYS

EILAT for £199 a person for a week in an hotel with swimming pool and fitness club and including breakfast is available from Longwood. Flights leave Gatwick and Luton on Monday. Details: 0181-551 4494.

■ PAGE & MOY is offering a series of two-week bargain holidays, with flights from Gatwick next Tuesday, including self-catering in Malta for £159 a person, half-board in The Gambia for £429 and self-catering in Barbados for £525. Details: 0116-250 7116.

■ COSMOS offers the Algarve for £249 for a fortnight, starting on December 12 in self-catering accommodation. Depart from Manchester. Details: 0161-480 5799.

■ FLORIDA fly-drive holidays for 12 nights for £159 a person, with a flight from Gatwick to Orlando on December 14, are among late offers from Lunn Poly. Details from the company's Holiday Shops.

■ SKIING holidays for nine days for the price of seven from December 19 are available in Val-d'Isère for £146 a person from Advantage Travel Centres. The self-drive offer, based on five sharing, includes ferry crossing and a self-catering studio. Details: 0181-977 2984.

■ JOURNEY around Jordan over Christmas or the new year for £698 a person with Bales Tours. Explorer trips depart from Heathrow on December 23 and 30 and include a week of visits to historic cities, the Dead Sea and Petra, plus bed and breakfast accommodation and return flights. Details: 01306 884409.

■ A FLOATING Christmas aboard a crewed barge is available from H. & H. Narrowboat Hotels with five days on the Leicestershire summit of the Grand Union Canal, starting on December 23 and costing £320 a person. Festive fare, full board and a sobering Boxing Day descent of Foxton Locks is included. Details: 0171-272 0033.

■ CHRISTMAS in Champagne is available for £399 a person from Expressions, including three nights' accommodation in a four-star hotel overlooking the Marne Valley, celebratory dinners every night and a ferry crossing for car and passengers. Details: 0171-431 1312.

■ SAVINGS of up to £100 are available on tours of Kenya and Tanzania in the new year with Kumuka. A 13-day trip around the game reserves of the two countries now costs £425 a person and a 20-day tour, including Kenya beaches, costs £495. Both start from Nairobi on January 14; flights extra. Details: 0171-937 8855.

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Visit Petra in a journey around Jordan over Christmas or the new year for £698 a person

FLIGHTS

BRITISH Airways' latest selection of World Offers is on sale until December 18. Examples include Amsterdam for £79, Lyons £123, Madrid £99, Moscow £339, Munich £124 and Vienna £149. Details: 0345 222111.

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■ CZECH Airlines has a £443 three-day London to Prague business-class excursion, saving £150. Details: 0171-255 1898.

■ SAMPLE a different service between Birmingham and Newcastle. Lufthansa is now flying the route twice weekly. Fares start from £69 return. Details: 0345 737747.

■ A RETURN flight from Heathrow to New York will cost as little as £179 from January 9. Details from Major Travel: 0171-485 7017.

FERRIES

STENA Line has a Disneyland Paris deal until December 17. The offer — three nights for the price of two in the Hotel Cheyenne — costs £146 an adult, £39 for children based on two adults and two children sharing. Ferry and park entrance included. Details: 0990 747474.

■ HOVERSPEED is operating a Dover-Boulogne route over Christmas. Standard returns for a car and up to five passengers cost £78, a five-day return £39 and a three-day return, £35. Day returns are available for £15, foot passengers £2. Details: 0990 240241.

■ AN alternative to Eurostar is a rail and sail return with Stena Line from £55, travelling from London to Paris via the Newhaven-Dieppe ferry route. Details: 0990 455455.

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■ FRIENDLY Hotels has a new short-break guide for its two-star Comfort Inns and three-star Quality Hotels in the UK starting at £24.50 a person a night, with half-board at £36.50 a person. Discounts for tourist attractions are offered at some hotels. Details: 0800 444444.

■ OCKENDEN Manor in Cuckfield, West Sussex, has a few rooms left for a three-night Christmas break from £435 a person. Details: 01444 416111. The hotel is a member of the 34-strong Pride of Britain hotel consortium which has information on Christmas availability elsewhere. Details: 01264 736604.

■ THE Glasgow Airport Travel Inn has added a further 23 rooms, bringing the total to 104. Rooms can accommodate two adults and two children and cost £35.50 a night. Details: 01582 414341.

■ GUESTS staying four or six nights at Reid's Palace, Madeira, between January 4 and 26 get an extra night free. Prices start from £680 a room for four nights, including breakfast. Details: 0171-805 5059.

■ TWO NIGHTS for the price of one are on offer at Glasgow's Tinto Firs Thistle Hotel, four miles from the centre of the city. Cost is £35 a person for two nights, including Scottish breakfast, based on double occupancy. The offer runs from Thursday to Sunday through December. Details: 0141-637 2353.

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■ THE Palace Hotel in Peking is offering de luxe rooms at $150 a night, including buffet breakfast, instead of a normal rate of $280. The offer, through Leading Hotels of the World, is available until March. Details: 0800 181123.

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Human Rights Law Report

Strasbourg

Refusal of video certificate within UK margin of appreciation

Wingrove v United Kingdom
(Case 19/1995)

Before R. Bernhardt, President and Judges Thór Vilhjálmsson, L.-E. Pettiti, J. De Meyer, J. M. Morenilla, Sir John Freeland, G. Mifsud Bonnici, D. Gotchev and U. Lõhmus

Registrar H. Petzold

Deputy Registrar P. J. Mahoney

[Judgment November 25]

The refusal by the British Board of Film Classification to grant a certificate for Mr Nigel Wingrove's video work *Visions of Ecstacy*, in conjunction with the statutory provisions making it a criminal offence to distribute a video work without such certificate, was justified as being necessary in a democratic society within the meaning of article 10.2 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The European Court of Human Rights held by seven votes to two that there had been no violation of the applicant's freedom of expression.

Article 10 provides:

"1 Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers. This article shall not prevent States from requiring the licensing of broadcasting, television or cinema enterprises.

"2 The exercise of these freedoms, since it carries with it duties and responsibilities, may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society, in the interests of national security, territorial integrity or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, for the protection of the reputation or rights of others, for preventing the disclosure of information received in confidence, or for maintaining the authority and impartiality of the judiciary."

Mr Wingrove wrote the script for and directed the making of an 18-minute video film entitled *Visions of Ecstasy* which concerned the life and writings of St Teresa of Avila, a sixteenth-century Carmelite nun who experienced powerful ecstatic visions of Jesus Christ.

He submitted the video to the British Board of Film Classification in order to obtain a certificate that would permit it to be sold, hired out or otherwise supplied to the public. On September 18, 1989 the board rejected the application on the ground, inter alia, that the work would give rise to outrage at the unacceptable treatment of a sacred subject and that, accordingly, a reasonable jury properly directed would find that it infringed the criminal law of blasphemy.

The applicant appealed to the Video Appeals Committee. In its written submissions, the board described the video film as depicting the erotic fantasies of a character referred to as St Teresa, involving both the crucified figure of Christ and the "Psyche of St Teresa", a female role. The applicant disputed the board's assertion that his video film was solely erotic in content.

The appeal was heard by a panel of five members on December 6 and 7, 1989. By a majority of three votes to two, the panel upheld the board's decision.

The majority considered the overall tone and spirit of the video to be indecent and had little doubt that its presentation would cause outrage to the feelings of Christians, who would reasonably look upon it as being contemptuous of the divinity of Christ. The minority, while accepting that many people would find the video extremely distasteful, considered it unlikely that a reasonable and properly directed jury would convict.

The applicant received legal advice to the effect that his case was not suitable for judicial review.

The application to the European Commission of Human Rights, which was lodged on June 18, 1990, was declared admissible on March 8, 1994. Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission drew up a report on January 10, 1995, in which it established the facts and said, by 14 votes to 2, that there had been a violation of article 10.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held:

The applicant complained of a violation of his right to freedom of expression under article 10 of the Convention.

It was undisputed that the refusal by the British Board of Film Classification to grant a distribution certificate for *Visions of Ecstasy* constituted an interference with his right to freedom of expression.

To determine whether such an interference entailed a violation of the Convention, the Court had to examine whether it was justified under article 10.2 as a restriction "prescribed by law", which pursued an aim that was legitimate under that provision and was "necessary in a democratic society".

A Whether the interference was prescribed by law

The board had acted within its powers under section 4(1) of the Video Recordings Act 1984.

The offence of blasphemy could not, by its very nature, lend itself to precise legal definition. National authorities had therefore to be afforded a degree of flexibility in assessing whether the facts of a particular case fell within that definition.

There was no general uncertainty or disagreement as to the definition of what constituted blasphemy. Having seen the video for itself, the Court was satisfied that the applicant could, with appropriate legal advice, reasonably have foreseen that certain scenes in the film could fall within the scope of the offence of blasphemy.

In those circumstances, it could not be said that blasphemy law did not afford adequate protection against arbitrary interference. The impugned restriction had therefore been "prescribed by law".

B Whether the interference pursued a legitimate aim

The aim of the interference, the protection of Christians against serious offence in their beliefs, was fully consonant with the aims of article 9 of the Convention on freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

Whether or not there was a real need for protection against exposure to the video was a question that the Court would address when assessing the "necessity" of the interference.

Although the English law of blasphemy only protected the Christian faith, it was not for the European Court to rule in abstracto as to the compatibility of domestic law with the Convention; the extent to which English law protected other beliefs was not in issue in the present case.

The fact that the law of blasphemy did not treat all religions on an equal footing did not detract from the legitimacy of the aim pursued in the present context. The Court concluded that the refusal to grant a distribution certificate had a legitimate aim.

C Whether the interference was necessary in a democratic society

The interference had been intended to protect against seriously offensive attacks on matters regarded as sacred by Christians. Other laws mentioned by the applicant pursued related but distinct aims and were not relevant in the present context.

Blasphemy legislation was still in force in various European countries. Although its application had become increasingly rare, the fact remained that there was as yet not sufficient common ground in the legal and social orders of the member states of the Council of Europe to conclude that blasphemy legislation was, in itself, unnecessary in a democratic society and incompatible with the Convention.

Under article 10.2 whereas there existed little scope for restrictions on political speech or on questions of public interest, a wider margin of appreciation was generally available to the states in relation to matters liable to offend intimate personal convictions in the sphere of morals or religion.

As with morals, there was no uniform European conception of the requirements of protection against attacks on religious convictions. National authorities were better placed than the international judge to define those requirements and to rule on the "necessity" of a "restriction".

That did not exclude final European supervision which was all the more necessary given the breadth and open-endedness of the notion of blasphemy and the risks of arbitrary or excessive interferences it entailed.

In that regard, the scope of the offence and the safeguards inherent in blasphemy law were especially important. The fact that there had been prior restraint in the present case called for special scrutiny.

The Court had to determine whether the reasons given by the national authorities to justify the interference were relevant and sufficient under article 10.2.

Blasphemy law did not prohibit the expression of views hostile to the Christian religion or of any opinion offensive to Christians. What the law sought to control was the manner in which such views were advocated. The extent of insult to religious feelings had to be significant. The high degree of profanation required was a safeguard against arbitrariness.

Visions of Ecstasy portrayed the crucified Christ in an act of an overtly sexual nature. The national authorities had considered that the manner in which such imagery had been treated placed the focus less on the erotic feelings of the character than on those of the audience, which was the primary function of pornography.

They had further held that no attempt had been made to explore the meaning of that imagery beyond engaging the viewer in a voyeuristic erotic experience.

The public distribution of the video could therefore outrage and insult the feelings of believing Christians and constitute the offence of blasphemy.

The reasons given to justify the interference could be considered both relevant and sufficient and the interference could not be said to be arbitrary or excessive.

Since videos, once on the market easily escaped control by the authorities, it was not unreasonable for them to consider that the video could have reached people to whom it would have caused offence.

The use of a box with a warning message would have had limited efficiency given the varied forms of transmission of video films. In any event, the national authorities were, here too, better placed than the European Court to make an assessment as to the video's likely impact on the public.

Although the interference amounted to a complete ban, that had to be seen as an understandable consequence (i) of the authorities' opinion that its distribution would infringe the criminal law as well as (ii) of the applicant's refusal to amend it or cut out the blasphemous scenes.

The Court therefore held, Judges De Meyer and Lõhmus dissenting, that the national authorities' margin of appreciation had not been overstepped and there had accordingly been no violation of article 10 of the Convention.

Chancery Division

Law Report December 5 1996

Misfeasance in improper disclosure

Elliott v Chief Constable of Wiltshire and Others

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment November 20]

A person who had suffered damage when a policeman, holding himself out as a police officer, had disclosed that person's previous convictions for an improper purpose and with intent to cause him injury, arguably had a remedy in damages against the police officer for the tort of misfeasance in public office.

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division in a judgment given in open court after a hearing in chambers when, inter alia, dismissing the summons of the Chief Constable of Wiltshire seeking to strike out the statement of claim of Peter Elliott issued against the Chief Constable; David Gledhill, news editor of the *Wiltshire Gazette* and Peter Gawthorpe, its editor, as disclosing no reasonable cause of action.

Mr Richard Clayton for Mr Elliott; Mr Stephen Rubin for the chief constable.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that for the purpose of the present hearing he would treat the pleaded facts as true.

In 1988 Mr Elliott was employed as a reporter/subeditor for the *Wiltshire Gazette* and was investigating alleged misconduct on the part of a senior police officer in the Wiltshire constabulary for the purpose of writing an article.

In October 1989 a senior police officer, it was not known whether it was the same one, told the news editor that Mr Elliott was a criminal with a long string of convictions, some serious. He supplied a list of those which included convictions for armed robbery and rape and stated that if there were a robbery or rape in the area the police would pull in Mr Elliott for questioning.

The news editor naturally informed the editor who summoned Mr Elliott to an interview and presented him with the list of convictions. On November 19, 1989 Mr Elliott was dismissed. The clear inference was that the dismissal was because of the criminal offences.

Some of the listed convictions were true. Some were not. In particular the alleged convictions for rape and armed robbery were untrue. Other of the listed convictions were true but related to spent convictions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

It was alleged in the statement of claim and not disputed before his Lordship that the confidential information concerning Mr Elliott's convictions had been derived from the Police National Computer. That information comprised personal data under section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1984 and was subject to the data protection principles in Schedule 1 to the Act including an obligation not to disclose data for an improper purpose.

Personal data might be disclosed by police officers for the purpose of preventing or detecting crime or apprehending or prosecuting offenders: see sections 5, 26(3) and 28(3)). However, disclosure for an improper purpose was a criminal offence: see section 5 and *R v Brown* ([1994] QB 547).

The statement of claim pleaded that the chief constable's police officers owed a duty of confidence to Mr Elliott in relation to the disclosure of his criminal convictions; that information collated by police officers in relation to criminal convictions could only lawfully be disclosed by them for the purpose of performing their public functions as police officers and in particular for their reasonable use for the purpose of detecting or investigating crime, the investigation and prosecution of alleged offences and the apprehension of suspects or persons unlawfully at large.

It pleaded that the disclosures were made in breach of the obligation of confidentiality owed by the chief constable's police officers and for a private purpose, namely to damage him in his employment so as to prevent publication of the article concerning maladministration and corruption.

It also alleged that the disclosure by the news editor to the editor of the convictions was in breach of confidence and that the editor acted in breach of confidence by publishing a letter dismissing Mr Elliott because of his criminal record.

The allegation of breach of confidence was the only case against the news editor and editor and Master Dyson struck it out as disclosing no cause of action. His Lordship agreed with the master.

The convictions had been announced in open court. They were therefore in the public domain and could not be confidential information. The notion that information about convictions announced in public in open court was confidential was absurd.

It seemed that the idea that the information was confidential had arisen because anyone other than a policeman would have difficulty collecting it. But a diligent researcher could have discovered it. Information that was not confidential did not become so just because it was disclosed by a policeman.

It followed that the breach of confidence claim against all three defendants was misconceived and the news editor and the editor were entitled to be dismissed from the action.

Mr Elliott's second claim was that by disclosing his convictions the senior police officer was guilty of misfeasance in his public office as a police constable which gave rise to a remedy in damages.

His Lordship reviewed the authorities on that tort which was well established but of which the boundaries had not yet been precisely defined: *Dunlop v Wollahra Municipal Council* ([1982] AC 158); *Calveley v Chief Constable of Merseyside* ([1990] 1 AC 1228); *Racy v Home Office* ([1994] 2 AC 45); *North Territory v Mengel* ([1995] 69 ALJR 527) and *Three Rivers DC v Governor of Bank of England* ([1996] 3 All ER 558).

Mr Rubin argued that the tort of misfeasance in public office concerned the purported exercise of some power or authority. Misconduct while holding public office but unconnected with the improper use of an administrative power could not give rise to the tort. He said that the police officer, in maliciously providing information, whether true or false, to the newspaper about Mr Elliott could not be said to have been exercising a power or authority.

Mr Clayton contended that it was not necessary for a public official to be exercising a power. He pointed out that a public official might be guilty of misfeasance by pure omission, where no exercise of power had occurred: see *R v Dytham* ([1979] QB 722).

A policeman, out of hours and not in uniform, might commit an assault. That would not be an abuse of his powers as a police officer. But if a police officer in uniform effected an arrest without proper cause that would be an abuse of his office.

His Lordship held that on the facts of the present case there was the requisite connection. The senior policeman was in possession of the information about the convictions because he was a police officer. He came into possession of the information from the National Police Computer and because of his position as a police officer. He gave the information to the news editor in his capacity as a police officer.

Police officers had a status that was the source of important powers and duties. If they were guilty of misconduct and the other ingredients of the tort were present the tort of misfeasance in public office would be made out.

His Lordship considered that all the requisite ingredients: malice, intent to injure, improper purpose and damage, in the form of loss of employment, had been pleaded. If all were proved at trial it would be a lamentable commentary on English law if that conduct were not tortious.

Accordingly, he was not prepared to strike out Mr Elliott's claim against the chief constable that he was vicariously liable for his officers for the tort of misfeasance in public office.

He would also allow the amendment sought by Mr Elliott alleging malicious falsehood. It was not statute barred since it was a cause of action arising out of the same facts as already pleaded within the six-year period: see section 35(4) of the Limitation Act 1980.

Accordingly, he would dismiss Mr Elliott's appeal against the finding of the master that there was no cause of action for breach of confidence; dismiss the chief constable's application to strike out the claim for misfeasance in public office as disclosing no cause of action; and allow Mr Elliott's proposed amendment in relation to the claim for malicious falsehood.

Solicitors: Birnberg & Co; Mr Michael O. Holder, Trowbridge.

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Fears of transfer insufficient ground

Sita (GB) Ltd v Burton and Others

Before Lord Johnston, Mr J. R. Crosby and Mr D. J. Jenkins

[Judgment November 19]

An employee's fears in regard to his conditions and terms of service on an impending transfer of an undertaking could not amount to a breach by his employer of the implied term of trust, for the purposes of a claim for unfair dismissal, since the substance of his complaint was protected by the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (SI 1981 No 1794).

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held in allowing an appeal by the transferee, Sita (GB) Ltd, from the decision of a London industrial tribunal dated December 15, 1995, that the applicant employees, Mr P. A. Burton and Mr K. M. Pickard, had been reasonable in their belief that their terms and conditions might so substantially change after the transfer from Kingston upon Thames London Borough Council as to strike at the condition of trust and confidence in their employer, so that their resignations amounted to constructive dismissals which were unfair.

Mr Simon Cheves for the transferee; Mr Paul Epstein for the employees; Mr Timothy Pitt-Payne for the transferor.

LORD JOHNSTON said that both the applicant employees had been in the employment of the council for some time when, in December 1993, it entered into negotiations with the transferee with a view to effecting a transfer of services provided by the department in which the employees were employed.

There were extensive consultations with staff representatives and unions before the transfer was approved on February 22, 1994. The two employees subsequently resigned and ceased to work for the council on March 31, 1994. The transfer was completed on April 15, 1994.

The employees were never in the employment of the transferee, and, as a matter of the common law, the transferee could not be held responsible for a breach of the contracts between the employees and the transferor council.

Accordingly, if there was to be any liability on the transferee it had to be under the 1981 Regulations which itself assumed that there was a breach of contract by the transferor creating a liability which thus became transferred.

It could not be doubted that between employer and employee there existed within the terms of the contract of employment, albeit implied in most cases, a duty on the employer to maintain the trust and confidence of his employee and to act in good faith towards him.

In general terms that term could only be breached by reason of the actions of third parties in the rarest of cases. One could not exclude the case that in the context of transfers of undertakings the consequences to employees of the proposed transfer, as known to the transferor, could be so dire that for him to go ahead with the transfer could so undermine the confidence relationship with his employees as to defeat it.

But, as a matter of principle, that could not apply when what was at risk, however serious it might be, was the preservation after the transfer of the employee's current terms of employment in his contract with the transferor.

That was because the 1981 Regulations provided an absolute answer by way of remedy to any attempt by the transferee to alter those terms unlawfully after the transfer.

The conduct of an employer, albeit induced or related to the conduct of a potential transferee which might in due course affect his employee, could not be regarded as sufficiently drastic with regard to the obligation of mutual trust and goodwill, if it did nothing to alter the remedies available to the employee on transfer.

The implied term properly understood should relate to situations where there was no other remedy than that the employee must resign in his own interests, and it could not do so in a context of transfer of undertakings where the complaints or fears of the employee related solely to the terms and conditions of his contract and where the substance of those complaints and fears were totally protected by the operation of the 1981 Regulations.

Solicitors: Machins, Luton; Mr Bruce Piper; Miss J. Clark, Kingston upon Thames.

Petitions to be heard by judge

Practice Direction (Companies Court: Schemes and reductions)

Petitions to sanction schemes would in future be heard by a judge.

The Chancery judges considered that that change of practice was desirable. Among the considerations which they had taken into account was the fact that schemes often bound numerous persons who were not before the court.

Arrangements had been made so that in term time petitions to sanction schemes would be listed on Mondays.

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so stated in *Practice Direction No 2 of 1996* issued on November 27 in the Chancery Division.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said:

Chancery Practice Direction (6) Companies (Other than Insolvency) in volume 2 of *The Supreme Court Practice 1997* was amended by deleting paragraph E (paragraph 816) and substituting the following:

"E Schemes of arrangement and reductions of capital: hearing.

1 This paragraph E applies to

(a) schemes of arrangement under sections 425 to 427A of the Companies Act 1985, whether made with creditors or members;

(b) schemes for the transfer of the whole or part of the long-term business of an insurance company to which schedule 2C to the Insurance Companies Act 1982 (as amended) applies, and

(c) reductions of capital, share premium account and capital redemption reserve.

References in this paragraph E to "schemes" are to schemes falling within (a) or (b) above, and references in this paragraph E to reductions are to reductions falling within (c) above.

2 Petitions to sanction schemes of arrangement will be heard by the Companies Court judge.

3 Petitions to confirm reductions will be heard by the Companies Court registrar unless otherwise ordered. The registrar will hear petitions to confirm reductions in open court on a Wednesday each week after completion of the list of winding up petitions.

4 Schemes and reductions in the long vacation

The following requirements must be satisfied for a hearing to be fixed to sanction a scheme and/or confirm a reduction in the long vacation:

(a) The application is one in which for financial, commercial or economic reasons a hearing before the end of the long vacation is desirable. This category will include cases of mergers and takeovers which arise in the summer and are likely to be affected by market fluctuations.

(b) The application is one which could not with reasonable diligence have been made and prosecuted in time to be heard before the long vacation begins.

An informal application in chambers, to the court manager, accompanied by an advocate's certificate that requirements (a) and (b) are satisfied, must be made as soon as possible so that a suitable timetable may be settled, including a date for hearing.

In the case of reductions to be heard by the registrar, certain applications which do not fall within the above categories will be heard provided (i) that there is an urgent need for a hearing or (ii) that there is sufficient time available after the registrar has disposed of the urgent applications.

Applications to the registrar in chambers for orders convening meetings to consider schemes and for directions on reduction applications will continue to be heard during the long vacation. Provided notice is given to the court before the long vacation begins, a timetable will be fixed which will enable any necessary documents to be settled in chambers and enable the registrar to hear the application.

The vacation judge will be available to hear petitions to sanction schemes and any petitions to confirm reductions which require to be heard by a judge on one Wednesday in August and two Wednesdays in September on dates to be arranged and subsequently notified in the long vacation notice which is printed in *The Daily Cause List*.

The vacation judge may also hear petitions to sanction schemes or confirm reductions on other days if he thinks fit."

Chancery Practice Direction (10) Insolvency B Companies in volume 2 of *The Supreme Court Practice 1997* (paragraph 838) was amended by deleting paragraph (vi)(iii)(aa).

Liquidator orders

Practice Direction (Companies Court: Provisional liquidator)

Applications for the appointment of provisional liquidators should in future be made to the Companies Court judge, Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor stated in *Practice Direction No 3 of 1996* issued on November 27 in the Chancery Division.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said:

1 Applications for an order appointing a provisional liquidator could at present be made either to the Companies Court judge or to the Companies Court registrar.

2 Those applications might have far-reaching implications for the company involved and in future they should, like applications for the appointment of an administrator or the grant of an interlocutory injunction, be made to the Companies Court judge.

3 The judge might, if he thought fit, direct that the application be heard in camera.

4 The following sub-paragraph should be inserted into paragraph (vi)(i) at pararaph 838 of *Chancery Practice Directions (10) Insolvency B Companies* in volume 2 of *The Supreme Court Practice* immediately after the existing sub-paragraph (c):

"(cc) Applications for the appointment of a provisional liquidator."

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Dated 28th November 1996

JULIAN HEPPLEWHITE,
Girobank plc,
49 Park Lane,
London W1Y 4EQ,
Company Secretary.

SHERWOOD & CO.,
35 Great Peter Street,
Westminster,
London SW1P 3LR,
Parliamentary Agents.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 006739 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF
ROSSER & RUSSELL BUILDING SERVICES LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 26th day of November 1996 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £9,000,000 to £3,000,000 by the cancellation of 6,000,000 issued Ordinary shares of £1 each in the capital of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Companies Court Registrar, at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 18th day of December 1996.

ANY creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 5th day of December 1996

Dibb Lupton Alsop of Carlton House, 18 Albert Square, Manchester M2 5PE, (Tel: 0161 834 7760), Ref: AH/JMG-5626476, Solicitors for the above-named Company

The Insolvency Act 1986
DERACHASE LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 15th November 1996.

M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF on 9th December 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq. It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meeting concerning the Liquidators remuneration, however the meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.

A list of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated this 28th November 1996.

STEPHEN R ABBEY, Director

The Insolvency Act
PRONOPTIA LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of Creditors in the above matter is to be held at The Holiday Inn, 3 Berkeley Street, Mayfair, London W1X 6NE, on 14th December 1996 at 12 noon, to consider my proposals under S23(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986, and to consider establishing a Creditors' Committee. A proxy form which should be completed and returned to me by 12 noon on 13th December 1996, together with details of your claim, if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented and vote at the meeting.

Dated 29th November 1996

P S Dunn, Administrator,
Latham Crossley & Davis,
Sherlock House, 7 Emerick Place,
London W1H 3FF.

ADDFUTURE LIMITED
COMPANY NUMBER 2521790
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF ADDFUTURE LIMITED

On 29 November 1996 the above company was placed in Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse were appointed liquidators by the shareholders. The liquidator gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to the liquidator, at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL by 9 January 1997 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

All known creditors have been or will be paid in full.

Date 3 December 1996

AV Lomas
Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 17 DECEMBER 1996 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated this 2nd day of December 1996.

By Order of the Board
IAN PARKER, Director

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■ FILM 1

The Thanksgiving Day from hell is dissected in Jodie Foster's hectic *Home for the Holidays*

■ FILM 2

... while in *Jingle all the Way* Arnie Schwarzenegger crashes into the Christmas season

THE TIMES ARTS

■ FILM 3

From Spain, *The Day of the Beast* is a surreal black comedy about devil worship

■ FILM 4

... and Ireland in the late Seventies provides the setting for the genial *Last of the High Kings*

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** finds some wheat in the chaff that is *Home for the Holidays*, but gives up on Schwarzenegger

The family as a nuclear device

Mom constantly smokes and talks. Dad grabs her while she cooks and whirls her round to the strains of *It's Not Unusual*. Aunt Glady is going batty. Sister Cynthia is a sour-faced prune. Your gay brother arrives, acts the pest and splatters the entire company carving the turkey. You yourself have a terrible cold and have just been fired from your art museum job. Happy holidays.

This is the scene in **Home for the Holidays**, Jodie Foster's second film as director. The holiday is Thanksgiving, which America celebrated last Thursday. In real life, if we were like Holly Hunter's heroine and forced inside such a dysfunctional household, we might well want to rush away screaming. At times some may feel the need to escape Foster's film too.

Perceptive moments are followed by rowdy excess. Anne Bancroft's mother of them all leans too much towards caricature, while Robert Downey Jr's gay prankster is annoying beyond the demands of the part. Then Geraldine Chaplin's batty aunt lets rip with a fart or an obscenity, and Charles Durning's father trains a lawn hose on two brawling brothers. It all gets to be too much.

In a film with so much hectic talk — the screenwriter is W.D. Richter, eccentric creator of the cult film *Buckaroo Banzai* — maybe it is not surprising that some of the best moments lie in quiet, visual observations. At Baltimore's airport, every phone booth is occupied by a sibling girding the loins for family trauma. Locked in a traffic jam with her family, Hunter's lonely single mother exchanges a beautiful, long-suffering glance with a total stranger, locked in the jam with his own tormentors.

Foster judges such little scenes well, although she fails to generate forward momentum to carry us over the bumps and grinds of an increasingly contrived plot. In this respect, *Little Man Tate*, her first directorial fling, was a more plausible piece of work, although *Holidays* can boast greater commercial appeal.

The cast alone ensures attention. Bancroft may chew the carpet, but she is undeniably funny as well, summoning the brood for dinner with the cheery cry: "Come, people are starving in the former Yugoslavia!" Downey is less rewarding, although at least the movie never pushes his gay character to the margins; Richter and Foster take a liberal view of family values.

Most other players have their moments, script permitting. But, as with most family celebrations, *Home for the Holidays* is best appreciated in small doses.

With **Jingle all the Way** we move on to the next holiday down the line, Christmas. Don't confuse this with Christmas the religious festival: the movie must be Hollywood's biggest advertisement yet for seasonal consumer greed.

The plot rotates around Arnold Schwarzenegger's frantic attempts to buy the country's number one action toy, Turbo Man, for the son he neglects the other 364 days of the year. In the process he wrestles with a few conniving Santas, shatters a radio studio's glass door, and punches a reindeer in the face. He also demonstrates that his knack for comedy is definitely not improving with time.

Not that Arnie has been encouraged to finesse his skills by the director, Brian Levant. This, after all, is the man who directed *The Flintstones*. He believes in slap bang wallop; as does the producer, Chris Columbus, who let Macaulay Culkin run riot in *Home Alone*. In between Schwarzenegger's grimaces and flying merchandise, the twinkling lights and cosy snow of a clean, dream America, you find other people mugging their hearts out: the TV comic Sinbad as a manic rival for the Turbo Man toy; Phil Hartman as a slimy neighbour who gives the reindeer to his own kid. "You can't do too much to make Christmas magical," Hartman drones.

Jingle all the Way may be mildly magical for small boys who wouldn't mind Turbo Man themselves; for the rest of us, the film makes us wish Christmas had never been invented.

If the thought of Schwarzenegger jingling away makes your toes curl, relief may come from **The Day of the Beast**, an anarchic Spanish romp by Alex de la Iglesia, previously responsible for the gruelling fantasy spoof *Accion Mutante*. Imagine a Buñuel anti-clerical gibe cross-bred with a gory midnight movie. In the opening minutes a falling church crucifix squishes a priest. The priest's younger colleague then sets off for Madrid to contact the Devil and try to avert the Anti-Christ's birth, due on Christmas Eve. First port of call: a heavy metal music shop.

By the end, de la Iglesia has roped into his comedy a fake TV Satanist, the Devil incarnate (a black, grinning ram), a giant neon advert for Schweppes, gory special effects, and much satire on Spanish society.

At first the fast pace is exhilarating, while Alex Angulo's sober demeanour as the priest on a satanic mission does much to sharpen the humour. But the second half disintegrates, and the pleasing spectre of Buñuel fades under pressure from tedious set pieces and assorted narrative debris.

The images get no tidier in Ching Siu-Tung's **A Chinese Ghost Story**, a cultish but dishevelled Hong Kong production from 1987 that hurls together kung-fu high-jinks, gruesome comic horror and a traditional ghost story with no thought to intelligibility or tension.

The bulk of the frenzy centres on a haunted temple, where a maladroit debt collector (Leslie Cheung, popular throughout the world after *Farewell My Concubine*) succumbs to a lady ghost's charms. But all characters are fall-guys for the special effects team. Bodies fly through the air, corpses groan and crawl, while a monstrously huge, hairy tongue lashes through trees and makes a swiss roll of the hero. You need stamina, and possibly a warped mind, to survive this.

The Last of the High Kings is a far more humane endeavour. This is a period coming-of-age story set in Ireland: goodness, did I hear you yawn? But David Keating, a new director, and his motley cast attack the material with enough vim and vigour to blow off most cobwebs.

Alongside a willingness to enjoy teenage pranks and puppy love, a taste for a little whimsy helps: for parents the 17-year-old hero boasts a fiercely nationalistic mother (Catherine O'Hara), wrapped up either in Guinness or Celtic myths, and an actor father (Gabriel Byrne) lost in the Bard.

The cast has its international interlopers: O'Hara is Canadian, while Jared Leto, the beautiful hero, hails from Louisiana. But the dialect coach has done good work, while the script and soundtrack evoke with ease the summer of 1977, when Dublin rocked to the music of Thin Lizzy and Elvis Presley died.

For Leto's Frankie this is a painful time: he has six weeks to wait for exam results that he expects will be bad. "I've ruined my life before I've even started," he moans.

Still, there are girls to dream over, drinks to spike, a beach party to organise, and battles of independence to fight with his anti-Protestant mum. There is nothing here to raise the roof, but the film is always pleasant and attractive to watch.

You would appreciate these modest virtues more if you had to suffer **Feeling Minnesota**, a dingy drama about two warring brothers wrecking each others' lives. You can tell that Steven Baigelman, the writer and director, wants to impress. He names one character Jjaks (Keanu Reeves, adorned with stubble and a pained expression, assumes that role). He gets another one to say: "Time is like an orange." He tries to dovetail nastiness and humour, like the god Tarantino, but lacks the master's cutting edge.

He also cannot get the best from his actors: one by one, from Reeves and Vincent D'Onofrio downwards, their talent fails as they shout, fight, and wave their arms. This is a most unappealing movie.

Robert Downey Jr, Charles Durning and Holly Hunter talk turkey over the Thanksgiving dinner in Jodie Foster's *Home for the Holidays*

Home for the Holidays
Curzon West End
15, 102 mins
Hectic visit with a dysfunctional family

Jingle all the Way
Warner West End
PG, 88 mins
Schwarzenegger's Christmas cheer

The Day of the Beast
Metro, 18, 110 mins
Satanic anarchy from Spain

A Chinese Ghost Story
National Film Theatre
95 mins
Dishevelled Hong Kong fantasy

The Last of the High Kings
Warner West End
15, 104 mins
Pleasant yarn about coming of age

Feeling Minnesota
Virgin Trocadero
18, 98 mins
Unappealing low-life drama

SNAP VERDICT

'Good comedy drama'

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases ...

☐ *HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS*
Susan Wallace, 19: Holly Hunter proves that her acting abilities are not confined to serious drama: she excels in this lighter role.
Bill Staples, 21: A genuinely funny insight into a dysfunctional family. Every character resembles someone you wish you didn't know.
Lisa Knight, 19: Charmingly original characters desperately try to relate to each other during the festive season.
Rhian Dobell, 21: A really good comedy drama with interesting twists to the plot.

☐ *JINGLE ALL THE WAY*
Susan: Children and adults alike will leave the film wishing they too had the fantastic powers of the Turbo Man suit.
Bill: Immensely magnetic for a younger audience. Adults should see through the slapstick action to what is a critical appraisal of the commercialised Christmas.
Lisa: Disappointing. There are some amusing moments but these could all have been condensed into about ten minutes and saved a lot of people a lot of pain.
Rhian: As long as you're under 15, you'll enjoy the adventure.

☐ *THE LAST OF THE HIGH KINGS*
Susan: A coming-of-age film which, despite involving itself with all the typical clichés of teenage angst, is humorous and evocative.
Bill: A witty script is enhanced by a superb cameo by Steven Rea.
Lisa: A poignant and magical drama. The beautiful setting and great cast make it thoroughly enjoyable.
Rhian: Please don't be put off by the title — this film is witty and entertaining. And, to top it all, it has a brilliant soundtrack.

Hip for the top

POP

Audioweb
The Monarch, NW1

WITH a handful of singles and an audacious debut album all having grazed the lower reaches of the charts in recent months, Audioweb are hovering on the brink of that elusive breakthrough. Tomorrow, then, the world, but for now the Mancunian quartet are confined to an airless upstairs room somewhere in Camden's golden mile, crowded but not absolutely jammed to its 280 capacity.

Three tufty-haired tykes muscle their way on to the stage, light up cigarettes and stand around for a bit. They turn out to be guitarist Robin File; bass player Sean McCann and drummer Maxi. Soon they are joined by the altogether more imposing figure of singer Martin Merchant, better known as Sugar, a big black man dressed in cagoule and pudding-basin hip hop hat.

He starts singing the Clash's *Bankrobber*, unaccompanied: "My Daddy was a bank robber/He never hurt nobody/He just loved to live that way/And he loved to steal your money." The rest of the band comes tumbling in on the wrong beat and have to start again, which rather detracts from the impact. But as a jumping off point for Audioweb's mixture of dance-rock, sweet soul melody and raggamuffin rap, it could hardly be bettered.

There are several distinctive features about Audioweb's music, notably the way McCann's bass playing and Maxi's drumming operate on the cusp of rock and reggae, while File deploys an arsenal of pedalboard effects to create anything and everything except a straight guitar sound.

But their ace in the hole is Sugar's extraordinary vocal range. Time and again, on numbers such as *Sleeper* and *Faker*, he starts off in a high, silky tone and then drops into gruff, tongue-twisting rap mode. Between songs, his motormouth patter is brash and confident — "This one's like Philips, years ahead" — if a little repetitive.

They end a brief set with *Drip Feed*, dedicated to their admirers the Stone Roses, and a rumbling *Who are They*. Ambling offstage, the four musicians ignore calls for an encore. It is not the last audience that this unusually gifted, if still unpolished, group will leave wanting more.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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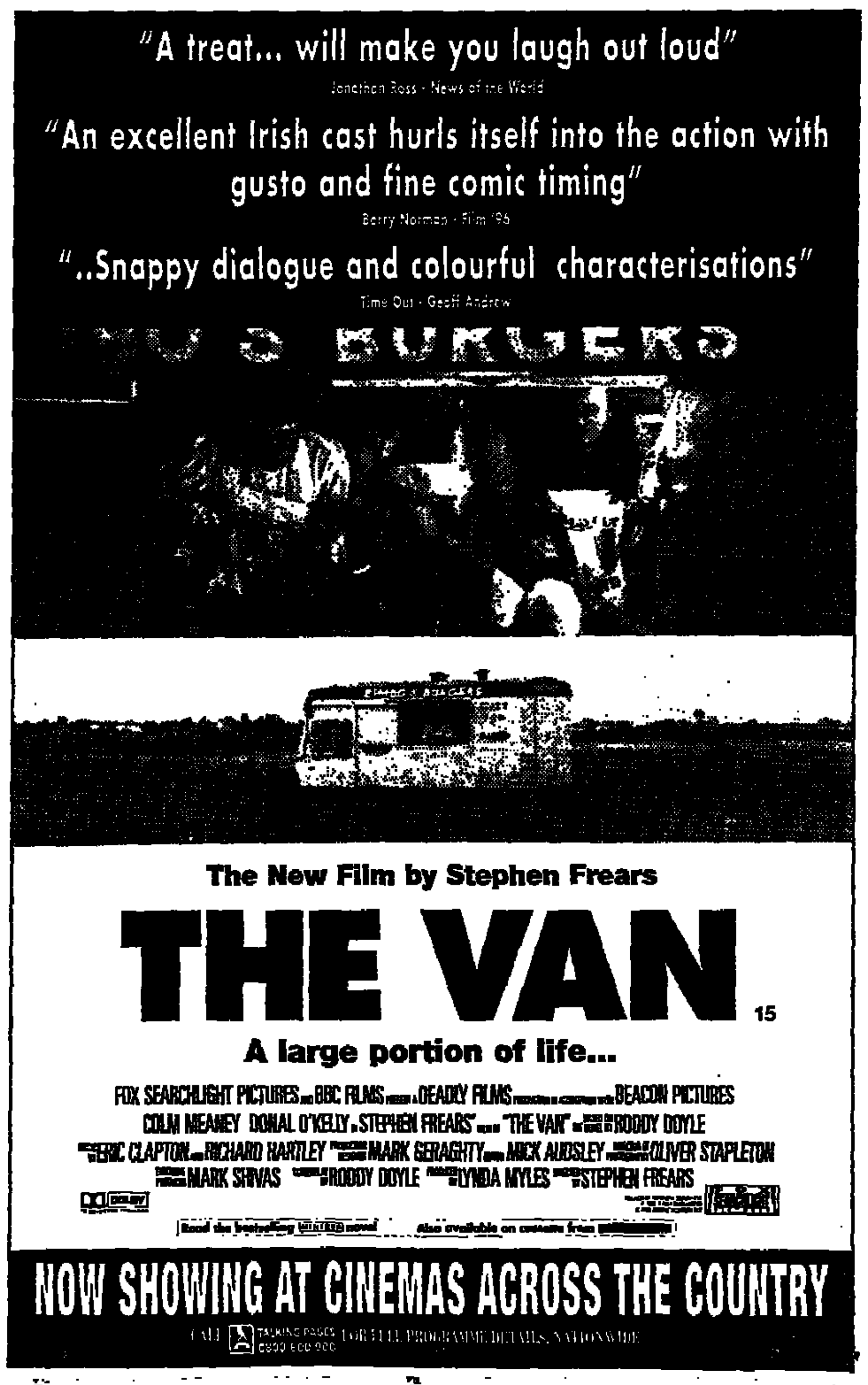
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VENUE: In preview, Royal Exchange, Manchester

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Powerful kidnap drama with a modern twist: the Coen brothers' *Fargo* comes to the small screen

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

CLOCKS AND CLOUDS: The composer and Finnish conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen today launches an international retrospective and celebration of **The Music of György Ligeti**. The three-year project begins with a series of eight concerts, educational projects and an exhibition at the Festival Hall before transferring abroad. In the first recital, at 6pm, Tabea Zimmermann plays Ligeti's Viola Sonata, which is followed by the composer's Cello Sonata, played by David Geringas. At 7.30pm, the Philharmonia Orchestra performs Ligeti's *San Francisco Polyphony* and Cello Concerto, and Mahler's Fourth Symphony.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight 🅂

THE GABRIELI CONSORT AND PLAYERS make a rare London appearance, and their Barbican debut, with Handel's sacred masterpiece, *Messiah*. They are joined by a group of young soloists, including Dorothea Röschmann and Deborah York, sopranos, Ruby Philogene, contralto, Charles Daniels, tenor, Neal Davies, bass. The conductor is Paul McCreesh.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7pm. 🅂

HAYWARD GALLERY: Two new exhibitions open today. **Howard Hodgkin: Paintings** is an exhibition of more than 50 of the artist's dense, vibrantly coloured oil paintings, produced between 1975 and 1995. **Art of the Insane: Works from the Prinzhorn Collection** comprises 200 works of art made by psychiatric patients, drawn from the collection of the German art historian and psychiatrist Hans Prinzhorn.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 3144). Daily 10am-6pm; Tues and Weds until 8pm (closed Dec 24-26, Jan 1). Until February 23 🅂

ELSEWHERE

HUDDERSFIELD: Tony Scannell, who played DS Roach in ITV's *The Bill*, stars in Terence Frisby's comedy, *There's a Girl in My Soup*. With Debee Ashby, Jack Smethurst and Deborah McAndrew.
Lawrence Batley, Queen's Square (01484 430528). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm.

MANCHESTER: Gabrielle Drake stars as the mysterious Mrs Erlynne in Wilde's **Lady Windermere's Fan**. Rebecca Johnson plays the prim heroine who learns about life; James Saxon and Simon Robson play two more than attendant lords. Braham Murray directs.
Royal Exchange, Upper Campfield Market (0161-833 9833). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Dec 10, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm (no perfs on Dec 23, 24, 25. Dec 26, 4pm and 7.30pm; Dec 27, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; no mat, Jan 1). Until February 1.

NEWCASTLE: Handel's *Messiah* is also being performed by the **Northern Sinfonia** and Sinfonia Chorus under Brian Kay. With Catherine Bott, soprano, Catherine Denley, mezzo-soprano, Mark Padmore, tenor, and Stephen Gadd, bass.
Newcastle City Hall, College Street (0500 591996). Tonight, 7.45pm

LONDON GALLERIES

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **BOB KINGDOM**: The man of several faces returns with his two one-man shows in repertoire: *Dylan Thomas: Return Journey* and *The Truman Capote Talk Show* open tonight, at 4.30pm and 7.30pm, respectively. In rep Mon-Sat, 8pm. Both shows performed on Dec 26 and Jan 2, 4.30pm and 7.30pm. Until January 11.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 8701) 🅂

◪ **DEATH OF A SALESMAN**: Alun Armstrong plays the hollow man deluded by slogans in competent production of Miller's drama.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Tues, 7.30pm; mat Sat and Tues, 2.15pm. In rep

□ **DIAL "M" FOR MURDER**: Wife-killing thriller, written when phone numbers still included letters — and its old-age is self-evident. Last week.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

◪ **A DOLL'S HOUSE**: Janet McTeer slams the door in Anthony Page's production of Ibsen's proto-feminist drama. Owen Teale plays her smothering husband, with John Carlisle as Dr Rank.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm

■ **I LICKED A SLAG'S DEODORANT**: Unappealing title for Jim Cartwright's latest two-hander: Tim Potter and Maggie O'Neill play a broken man and a crack-addicted streetwalker.
Royal Court Upstairs (Stage), Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000). Opens tonight, 9.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 9.30pm.

◪ **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**: restored theatre, revived show, the theatre after 58 years, the show back to celebrate its 25th anniversary. Gale Edwards directs a reconceived production.
Lyceum, Wellington Street, WC2 (0171-656 1807, booking fee). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

■ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**: Jonathan Miller returns to the British theatre after six years to direct a cast headed by Norman Rodway and *Angela Thorne as the royal immortals* and Peter Beyliss as Bottom. Set designs by the Quay Brothers.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens Dec 11, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until February 1

◪ **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE**. Subtitled "The Songs of Leiber and Stoller". Hit Broadway compilation show celebrating a successful songwriting team, responsible for *Hound Dog*, *Jailhouse Rock* and *Spanish Harlem*.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

■ **THINK NO EVIL OF US**. Subtitled "My Life with Kenneth Williams", a solo show by David Benson, winner of a Fringe First at this year's Edinburgh, part biography, part autobiography.
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BEAUTIFUL GIRLS (15): A good cast wasted in a tired tale of male fellowship. *With Matt Dillon, Timothy Hutton and Uma Thurman. Director, Ted Demme*
Odeons: Kensington (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

LE BONHEUR (15): Broad comedy about domestic woes and French lifestyles, with Michel Serrault, Sabine Azéma and, briefly, Eric Cantona.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

CRIMETIME (18): Nasty thriller about a television crime re-enactment programme, with Stephen Baldwin, Pete Postlethwaite and Sadie Frost. Director, George Sluizer
Virgin Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

◆ **DRACULA: DEAD AND LOVING IT** (PG): Heavy-handed Mel Brooks spoof, with Leslie Nielsen as an accident-prone Dracula.
UCI Whiteleys 🅂 (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **FEAR** (18): Psychopathic teenager makes life hell in Seattle. Unnecessary thriller, directed by James Foley.
Plaza (0800-888 997) **Virgin Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031)

I SHOT ANDY WARHOL (18): Mary Harron's incisive portrait of Valerie Solanas and the Warhol circus, with a wonderful performance from Lili Taylor.
Gate (0171-727 4043) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Green** (0171-226 3520) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

◆ **THE LONG KISS GOODNIGHT** (18): Preposterous, hard-driven action movie, with Geena Davis.
ABC Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **West End** (01426-915 574) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM (U): And cinema edition of the Royal Shakespeare Company's recent production, directed by Adrian Noble.
Barbican Cinema (0171-638 8891)

◆ **THE VAN** (15). Fun and games with a burger van during the 1990 World Cup. Strident version of Roddy Doyle's novel, with Colm Meaney and Donal O'Kelly. Director, Stephen Frears.
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CURRENT

◆ **THE FIRST WIVES CLUB** (PG): Comedy about vengeful Manhattan wives, with juicy parts for Diane Keaton, Bette Midler and Goldie Hawn.
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Raising Coen in Minnesota

NEW ON VIDEO

Bang on target: Frances McDormand as Marge, the pregnant police chief, in the Coen brothers' remarkable Fargo

■ FARGO
PolyGram, 18, 1996

JOEL and Ethan Coen return to their home state, Minnesota, for this wonderful, laconic drama about a kidnap plot that goes horribly haywire. Frances McDormand is the pregnant police chief who emerges from her domestic cocoon to face her first homicide; William H. Macy is the hapless small-town jerk whose need for money to pay off debts brings in two thugs and several dead bodies. The film is warm, dark, grotesque and beautiful all at once. A rental release.

■ HOW TO MAKE AN AMERICAN QUILT
CIC, 12, 1995

WINONA RYDER is spending the summer at her grandmother's house, *filled with relatives and friends* making her bridal quilt. Each has a history that must be told. The film itself is a quilt of flashbacks, annoyingly fuzzy in its attitudes, but blessed with a splendid cast. Anne Bancroft and Ellen Burstyn (two bickering sisters) or Kate Nelligan's bruised outsider may not have much material to work with, but *they still make the film worth watching*. Director, Jocelyn Moorehouse. Available to rent.

■ THE JUROR
20:20 Vision, 18, 1996

DEMI MOORE, artist and single mother, is a jury member in a Mafia trial. Enter Alec Baldwin, who buys some sculptures, turns on the charm and then forces her to sway her colleagues to acquit. Baldwin's volatile character gives this dumpy film whatever electric charge it possesses. Director Brian Gibson does his bit too, but cannot disguise the dreadful old chestnuts littering the script. Available to rent.

■ ROAD TO BALI
Screen Classics, U, 1952

SOME aspects of the Crosby-Hope "Road" films are remarkably modern, not to say postmodern: the in-jokes, the games with the cinema medium, the improvisatory spirit. As well as Bing Crosby and Bob Hope, the line-up includes Dorothy Lamour, jungle perils, an amorous gorilla and cameos from the likes of Humphrey Bogart and Jane Russell. No comic masterpiece, but it lasts better than Leslie Nielsen's films will.

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NEW CLASSICAL CDs: Korngold without pictures; inspired Glinka; Christmas from another age

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■ KORNGOLD
Symphony in F sharp; *Einfache Lieder; Mariettas Lied*
Hendricks/Philadelphia Orchestra/Welser-Möst
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£15.49

THE centenary of Erich Wolfgang Korngold falls next year and I suspect we will be hearing a good deal more of his music. Indeed, the revival is already under way, as a series of releases on various labels shows. The latest is this recording of the Symphony in F sharp, one of a number of pieces written by Korngold after the Second World War, when he was trying to show that he was capable of more than film scores. Those who find much of his music too saccharine may like to try this; there is a solidity and seriousness about the first movement, in particular, that you might not associate with him.

The scurrying, virtuoso Scherzo, which occasionally breaks into epic Hollywood mode, is fearlessly tossed off by the Philadelphia Orchestra under Franz Welser-Möst, who also give an uplifting account of the elegiac Adagio.

Four of Korngold's Six Simple Songs, Op 9, and the inevitable *Marietta's Song* from *Die tote Stadt* are sensitively delivered by Barbara Hendricks.

OPERA

John Higgins

■ GLINKA
Ruslan and Ludmila
Netrebko/Diadkova/Ognovenko/Pluzhnikov/Kirov Orchestra/Gergiev
Philips 446 746-2 (3 CDs)★★★
Video 075 102-3. £45.99

A RARE chance to hear, and see, one of the grandaddies of Russian opera. Glinka's second stage work had all the elements his successors were later to plunder. Spread over five acts are abducted princesses turned into sleeping beauties, magic swords and magic rings, knights in shining armour, sorcerers evil and benevolent, even a talking head. Pushkin's original poem might have been a bit tongue-in-cheek, but Glinka took it all very seriously.

So too does this Kirov production, shared with San Francisco and sumptuously staged by Lotfi Mansouri. Valery Gergiev and his players are on top form, from the bouncy overture, the only part of the score much played in the West, through well over three hours of music. Some of the best is reserved for the exotic dances in Act III and IV, where Glinka's inspiration is *on a high level*.

Elsewhere he takes his time, writing long and demanding arias for all his principals. Much of the vocal weight falls on the attractive soprano of Anna Netrebko and her Ludmila can stand it. Vladimir Ognovenko is a sturdy and heroic Ruslan, although Larissa Diadkova's Ratmir, a rival suitor and a trouser role, would have made an interesting husband. Some of the other Kirov regulars sound a *bit* frayed, but *this* is an exotically Russian set.

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Hilary Finch

■ AN EARLY ENGLISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
The Sixteen/Christophers
Collins Classics 14922★★
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HARRY CHRISTOPHERS and the Sixteen dance their way towards Christmas with a pageant of English songs from the 14th to the 17th century which remind us that the carol was first a round dance, and only later a song with verses and chorus.

These are ditties for the "days that merrit more praise than all the rest of the year", as one earthier number from *Playford's Dancing Master* of 1686 has it. But they also merit a more robustness, even rowdiness, than the Sixteen dare. This *Gaudete*, for example, is neat and crisp and even and, although Robert Evans attempts a yokelish "burr" in the course of *Greensleeves*, there could be lustier contrasts between the carols derived from dance and the music which grew out of plainsong.

The latter, including exquisite examples of English Renaissance polyphony by Byrd and Sheppard, are given beautifully balanced performances. And the Sixteen excel at judging the tone of rarities such as the anonymous *Nowell; Out of your sleep*, a dark Domesday of a reveille in which the words reverberate with raw fear as much as hope.

Those who prefer the rougher edge of twanging, Frenchified Middle English will enjoy the fistful of 15th-century carols embedded in Gothic Voices' latest disc (Hyperion CDA 66857).

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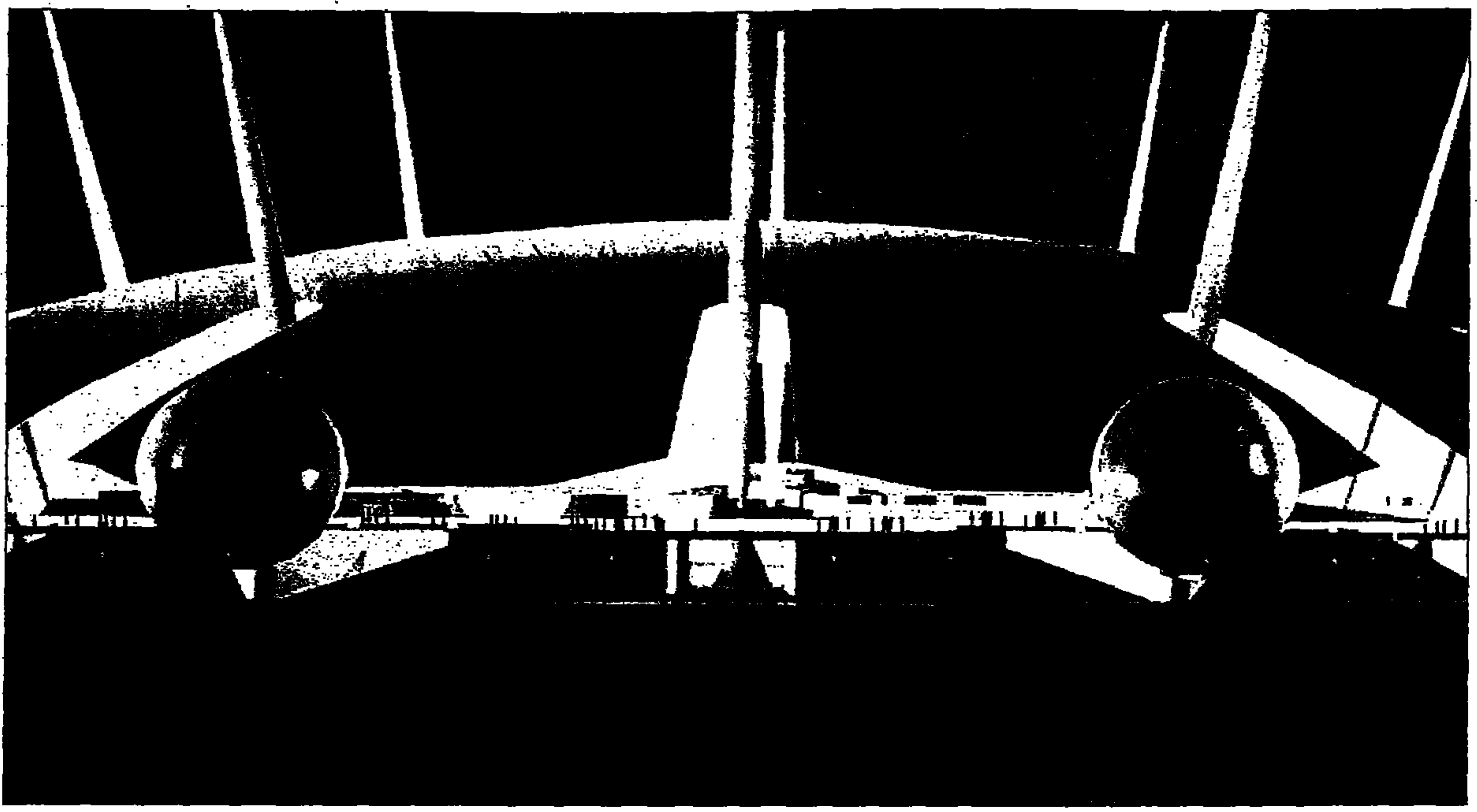

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Christmas is a time for giving, and if you have a few million pounds to spare, this year your generosity will be more keenly sought than ever. You will probably be asked to bail out the nation's cultural *grands projets,* which need to raise millions very quickly if they are to go ahead.

This is a result of the requirements surrounding the award of National Lottery cash to the five "good causes". By law, each scheme must also raise an amount of "partnership funding" from local authorities, sponsorships, private donations and the like. In some cases the schedules are nail-bitingly precarious.

Next Wednesday the Millennium Exhibition Project reveals its business plan. The total cost for the jamboree at Greenwich is a projected £350 million (that's if you leave aside rumblings from the Labour Party and elsewhere that the actual costs could be at least double). A modest £150 million must be found from the private sector — by next spring. As Mike Elrick, the exhibition's head of public relations, admits: "Nothing's committed at the moment. We are working to a tight schedule and everybody is aware of the clock ticking."

A day later, the Royal Opera House will launch its appeal for support for the redevelopment of its Covent Garden site. It needs to raise nearly £79 million to match its funding from the National Lottery, although it hasn't exactly been quick off the mark — its lottery award was announced 17 months ago. Some donations are already in place (the ROH declines to reveal how much) but Keith Cooper, the director of corporate affairs, observes that "there is a critical path where certain things can't happen unless the money is there".

Consider, too, the Tate's development of a new Gallery of Modern Art on London's Bankside. Already £62 million from the Millennium Commission and English Partnerships, the Government's regeneration agency, is in place. In the 30 months since the decision to develop the site was announced, the Tate has raised a further £23 million. In the next few months it needs to show that a further £45 million will be forthcoming.

Lottery money has provided much-needed funds for arts and cultural projects, but has turned us into a nation of beggars and pleaders. It has also produced the most hair-raising financial timetables. Projects will doubtless fall behind schedule, but deadlines simply cannot be missed. More bizarrely, the funding mechanisms might make it difficult to spend the money that is now available.

Awards made by the Millennium Commission must be matched by funding from elsewhere. "There has to be a question-mark over whether the commission will be able to spend all the money it's got," one insider suggests. "It has £1.6 billion banked up. If it applies the 50 per cent rule, £1.6 billion has to be found from other sources by the year 2000. I cannot believe there is that amount floating around."

The Arts Council is upbeat about the situation. "We've made commitments of just under £600 million," says Margaret Bolton, the organisation's lottery communications director, "contributing to projects whose total costs are £1.4 billion. So partnership funding is over 57 per cent of the total, way above our minimum requirements."

Not that the moneys are actually all in place. The Theatre Royal in Bath, for instance, needed to raise £340,000 towards refurbishment costs. Its reconstructed studio-space will open in January. The theatre is still painstakingly edging towards its funding target. At the other end of the country, the Brewery Arts Centre in Kendal, Cumbria, achieved its partnership funding of nearly £780,000 relatively easily. The projected rebuilding work has been put on hold, however, since the private trust which has provided the centre's core funding to date is withdrawing its support. In this instance, nearly £2 million of lottery money is in limbo. As lottery largesse is mostly restricted to capital projects, here is a classic case of a potentially gleaming venue with no wherewithal to keep running.

One imagines, too, that the fundraisers are now besieging the same philanthropists and corporations. "We are all fishing in the same sea," says Dawn Austwick, project director of the Tate's Bankside development. "But people who want to give money to a modern gallery are different from those who'd want to give to the Royal Opera House or Sadler's Wells. We're pretty confident we're going to get there or thereabouts." The fundraising strategy for the Bankside project has followed a classic path: targeting wealthy individuals and trusts before turning to companies and corporations. Commercial organisations are generally unwilling to contribute towards capital costs — the expenditure on bricks and mortar — and are more likely to sponsor an actual exhibition or event.

Chris Lever, director of communications at Sainsbury's, an established arts sponsor, admits that there is a keenly commercial aspect. "We wouldn't commit unless we were confident that we were joining a very successful and exciting enterprise that is going to strike a chord with a lot of people," he says. You can't argue with that. The trouble is that under the current legislation the private sector has a crucial role in cultural funding without any real obligation to fulfil it.

How might this extraordinary system be improved? In a pre-election period (or in any other, for that matter), you will only utter the phrase "corporation tax for culture" if you want to appear eccentric. But there are other ways of smoothing the fundraising process. For each of the next five years, for instance, the Cameron Mackintosh Foundation will supply £100,000 as partnership funding for selected applications to the new Arts 4 Everyone scheme — a modest but imaginative move which others might emulate.

And there are frequent calls for the regulations governing the award of lottery cash to be applied more flexibly, so that certain projects might proceed with less partnership funding or perhaps none at all. There would be problems of selection, but a more measured strategy for the nation's cultural development would result.

A spokesman at the Department of National Heritage observes that, since most organisations raise their money without difficulty, there are no plans to make any changes to the requirements. Meanwhile, the fundraisers go on whistling for cash, hoping that the yawning gaps in their budgets will be filled before Easter. Watch those spaces.

DONALD COOPER

Anna Manahan as *Mag* and *Jane Brennan as Maureen*

Bubbling Irish black comedy

THEATRE

The Beauty Queen of Leenane

Duke of York's

IMAGINE a blend of gigantic spider and Mr Toad dressed as a washerwoman, and you have the look of Anna Manahan's Mag, bunched and brooding in her awful green-grey parlour. But it is her wheedling, whining, selfish, callous treatment of the middle-aged daughter who resentfully tends her that leaves you feeling truly phobic. The poisonous symbiosis of parent and child has been an Irish theme since Synge's *Playboy of the Western World*; but seldom if ever have I seen the venom fizzing about the stage to better dramatic effect than in Martin McDonagh's debut play.

McDonagh deserves his recent award for the most promising dramatist of 1996 and his play merits its move from the Theatre Upstairs to the Royal Court's place-of-exile in WC2. The piece combines human shrewdness, a command of black comedy and a knack for sustaining tension to an extent astonishing in a writer in his mid-twenties. You itch to know whether Lloyd Hutchinson's affable Pato will lure Jane Brennan's Maureen from spinster isolation in the dour Irish outback. You may also catch yourself wondering if 20 years with her mother haven't turned her into a woman worth avoiding. Feeding the old girl on a diet of lumpy Complan, plus biscuits as foul as the ones Beckett's Hamm shoves into the dustbins where he keeps his mother and father, is the least of Maureen's sins against the Fifth Commandment. You may well think that Mag's habit of dumping her urine into the kitchen sink deserves some such retaliation. But parental destructiveness goes on to breed filial violence.

Though I am not (I hope) in the business of revealing climaxes or denouements, I cannot resist pointing out that McDonagh has mastered the elementary dramatic skills and is unlikely to drop mentions of boiling fat or pokers into the conversation early on without exploiting them later.

Brennan's Maureen variously exudes frustration, anger, sexual yearning and, in her final moments, a glazed stupor worryingly reminiscent of the mother she has spent the evening mocking and hating. An objection to the play might be that Mag is less fully explored. But if you learn nothing about her parents or her dead husband, Garry Hynes's production leaves you with a strong sense of the soul-destroying world outside. A village so drear that kicking a cow can result in a 20-year grudge is, after all, likely to breed monsters.

Nor is that all. Let the last word go to Pato, who labours in England: "When it's there I am, it's here I wish I was; but when it's here I am, it isn't there I want to be, but I know it isn't here I want to be either." If McDonagh's play is about the difficulty of escaping a bad mother, it is also about escaping Mother Ireland. Given the precision, yet size of his horizons, can you doubt he is a talent to watch?

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CONCERTS: A religious work for the LSO; a trio of sisters; and carols in 18th-century style

Lament on the cross

NOT everyone who hears *The World's Ransoming* on the latest Shell-LSO National Tour will share the faith that inspired the work. Few, on the other hand, will fail to respond to the passion in James MacMillan's Maundy Thursday meditation, and fewer still will fail at least to recognise it.

The first in a series of three pieces commissioned by the **London Symphony Orchestra** and relating, as the composer puts it, "to the events and liturgies of the Easter triduum", it drives its final message home with a percussive gesture as brutal as knocking large nails into a very solid piece of wood.

In musical terms, *The World's Ransoming* is a lament for cor anglais and orchestra based on plainsong melodies and a Bach chorale. The solo part — written specifically for the LSO's principal cor anglais, Christine Pendrill, who played in the first performance in July and who is inseparable from the present tour — is most expressively and beautifully written in a manner recalling, inevitably perhaps, the song of the swan on the waters of Tuonela. But that is confined largely to the outer sections. The middle section, though curiously lacking in a progressive impulse, is highly coloured and powerfully dramatic in a manner now recalling the religious paroxysms of Olivier Messiaen. It is no less characteristic of James MacMillan for that, and no less convincingly fervent.

The box-office compensation, which certainly proved useful in Manchester, was Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. Whether or not Sir Colin Davis has anything specific to say about that work, his approach seems to be to allow it to generate its own tensions rather than to impose preconceptions on it. If so, it worked most effectively from the oboe solo onwards in the first movement, and in some of the more inward and eerie passages in the middle movements, but scarcely at all in the finale.

It was in the finale too that, in the Bridgewater Hall at least, Steven Isserlis's account of Schumann's Cello Concerto fell short of making the full-scale impact. The sound was just too slender at some crucial points in the construction. But compared with the exquisitely realised poetic aspects of the interpretation, the lack of weight mattered little.

GERALD LARNER

Musical mismatch of temperament

THE **Bekova Sisters,** a piano trio from Kazakhstan, are to be congratulated on donating one of their rare South Bank performances for a concert in aid of the North London Hospice, which provides care free of charge to terminally-ill patients.

Little is heard of the sisters in London these days. Since the initial interest in their exotic escape from Soviet Kazakhstan nearly ten years ago, their playing alone has not succeeded in gripping the imagination in equal measure. There is too little incentive to go out of one's way to listen to playing which can be so volatile and unsearching as that which the Queen Elizabeth Hall heard on Monday.

To choose such a popular programme as Haydn's *Gypsy Rondo* Trio, Brahms's Op 114 Trio and Tchaikovsky's A minor Trio is to invite both conscious and subconscious comparison in any musically-literate audience. The Bekovas' Haydn is shaped by generalised, old-style gentility which totally ignores the insights into details of balance, phrasing and articulation revealed by some two decades of period performance. It seldom rises above the anodyne.

Both here and in the Brahms there was also an uneasy mismatch of musical temperament. Blood ties are no guarantee of successful musical chemistry, and the ardent cello of Alfia Bekova, the refined, circumspect violin of Elvira, and the shallow-toned and pedestrian pianism of Eleonora sit awkwardly together.

The sisters were happiest in the Tchaikovsky. But the hospice deserved better.

HILARY FINCH

Early carols for Christmas

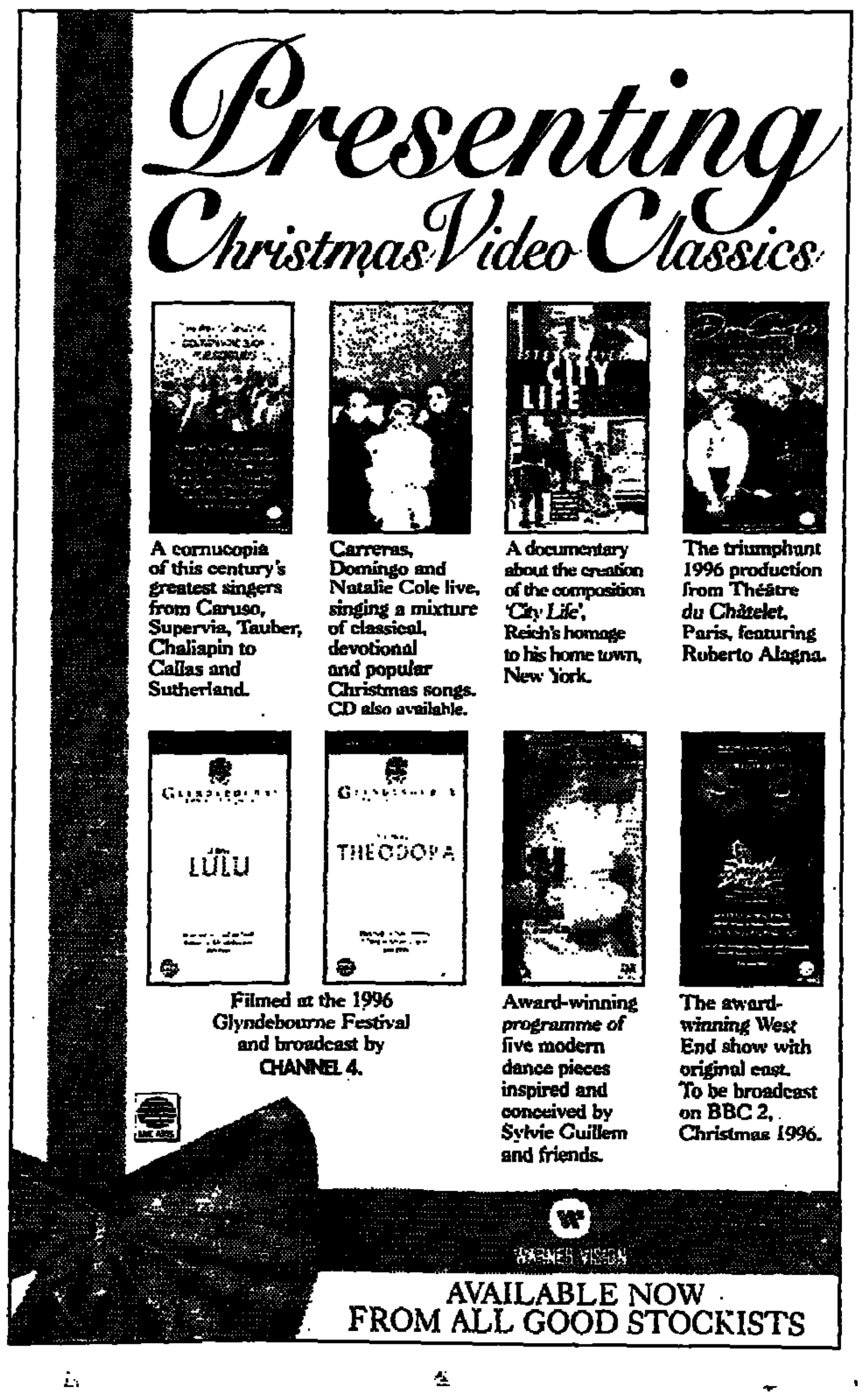
AUDIENCE participation at early music concerts is rapidly becoming the latest manifestation of "authenticity", whether in the singing of chorales or, as on this occasion, gallery carols. At least some members of the audience at St John's Smith Square, had been learning about this parochial music at a mini-conference organised by Peter Holman, director of the **Parley of Instruments.** These initiates joined in lustily with three 18th-century versions of *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing,* earning a round of applause from the conductor.

Indeed, the occasion was an informal one, with Holman introducing the settings and the Parley of Instruments and Psalmody, a small choir, performing in an honest and slightly earnest manner that aptly reflected the style of the music. For much of the 18th century, the only carol widely accepted by the Anglican Church was *While Shepherds Watched* and, consequently, we were treated to a handful of settings of that text.

Amateur choirs, which were introduced to improve standards of singing in church, were often supported by whatever instrumentalists the parish could muster. These musicians accompanied the singers in various combinations and played the derivative, sub-Handelian introductions and interludes between the verses of the carols.

It was fascinating to catch a glimpse of a musical tradition long defunct, superseded by the explosion of hymn-like carol-settings in the Victorian era, but the music is second-rate, and a concert dedicated to the theme was about as much as I could take.

TESS KNIGHTON



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A 17th-century Tarot deck's Fool

A WICKED PACK OF CARDS
The Origins of the Occult Tarot
By Michael Dummett, Ronald Decker and Thierry Depaulis
Duckworth, £35
ISBN 0 7156 2713 9

In Monmouth Street, London, an occult shop called Mysteries offers for sale more than one hundred different Tarot packs. Some of these packs are designs from Renaissance Italy. Others are 18th-century French. There is the famous 1910 British Rider deck, which for the first time illustrates the pip cards. There is the rather sinister Aleister Crowley dark magic version, and a multiplying number of New Age fantasy decks; these are often banal and badly drawn but they do indicate a continuing fascination with and market for the *Jeu et magie* of Cartomancie.

It was in France, enjoying in the 18th century its Age of Enlightenment, that the Italian trick-taking cards of Tarrochi began to be used for fortune-telling. Scrying and prediction were already popular, and occult theories of all kinds were as much talked about in fashionable circles as the radicalism of Rousseau and the advances of science. Then, as now, an overemphasis on rationalism and materialism, a world with man and not God as its likely centre, seems to have demanded a psychic compensation in a rush towards mysticism.

Of particular interest was the notion of ancient knowledge or intuition, which found a focus in Napoleonic Egyptomania (a phenomenon that was not dissimilar to the later Victorian obsession with India). Therefore, when a certain Court de Gebelin declared the Tarot deck to be nothing less than the lost book of Thoth, its future as an occult tool was assured.

The conundrum lies in the 22 trump cards never present before or since in ordinary playing card decks. In effect, these are three sets of seven, numbers one to 21, with The Fool, *Il Matto*, unnumbered and acting as a wild card through the deck. In a modern playing deck, only the joker reminds us of another history to the game.

What is the true history of the Tarot? Much as this book tries to explain it, we don't know. No matter how closely anyone tracks its journeys and disguises down the centuries, and no matter how soundly we debunk Egyptian and Cabalistic connections, and whispers about gypsy lore and luxurious explanations from the East, we are left with two difficult questions: What were the original meanings, exoteric and esoteric, of the 22 painted trumps? Why has the Tarot continued to exercise its imaginative hold on very different minds in different cultures since the Renaissance?

Our authors answer the first part of the first question simply. Symbols such as The Emperor, The Hanged Man, Death, Judgment, and so on had ordinary meanings to their early audiences which they no longer have to us. There is no reason to dispute that, though the authors' ideas on what those meanings might have been are too glib.

When it comes to the possible secret meanings of the trumps, we find that the real purpose of this book is to demonstrate that none was ever intended, and that the subsequent occultism of the Tarot is a fraud, a delusion, a genuine mistake or just a hobby for the feeble-minded. Naturally enough then, the second question can only be answered negatively in so much as it is answered — or even asked at all.

I do not doubt, and it has been told elsewhere, just how much chicanery there has been around the Tarot. Many of its famous names have altered some of its symbols, rearranged the order of the trumps, and offered up startling visual interpretations of the original pictures. Much of what has been written about the Tarot since the 18th century is contradictory and waylaid with hocus-pocus.

Isn't that true of every religious or mystical impulse? If no one is bothering to reinvent the Christian faith any longer, that is probably a sign of its exhaustion. A spiritual idea that is still numinous, whatever we think of it, changes and develops; is now a heresy, is then a dogma, attracts new ideas, some banal, some profound. Above all, it survives.

I take Jung's view that whatever endures in the human psyche needs to be studied on its own terms and by its own rules, however unruly. It is no good trying to show us by laborious detail how silly we are to have kept Tarot alive as a psychic symbol. We have. Surely that is what matters?

There is plenty in this book about "mere intuition" and no feeling at all for why one might be able to use the Tarot intuitively. This is as odd as talking about meals one has never eaten: no amount of recipe reading or laboratory analysis of the ingredients can explain or explain away the final dish. If the style is dull it may be because the authors have never found the time to sit at table with a wicked pack of cards.

Jeanette Winterson's novel, Gut Symmetries, *will be published next month by Granta.*

Great footsteps followed

Michael Hofmann

MOON COUNTRY
Further Reports from Iceland
By Simon Armitage and Glyn Maxwell
Faber, £7.99
ISBN 0 571 17539 2

In 1936, W. H. Auden and Louis MacNeice visited Iceland, and collaborated on the wonderfully fluent and utterly delightful hodgepodge of prose, poetry and (strictly amateur) photography called *Letters from Iceland*, published the following year. It was actually a momentous book, both of its moment and going well beyond it. Sixty years on, it is still an unmixed pleasure to read.

Now, Simon Armitage and Glyn Maxwell, both avowed admirers of Auden's in particular, have been to Iceland — this time at the invitation of the BBC — partly as a homage, partly, I imagine, as a dare. I missed the programme, which went out on Radio 3 last year: here, though, is the book, *Moon Country*, with a spectacular sapphire-and-ice cover.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, there is no individual piece with the substance of Auden's *Letter to Lord Byron* or MacNeice's *Ecologue from Iceland*. In fact, there doesn't seem to be that much verse in the book, and what there is tends to be short, thin and (both senses) strained. Perhaps — and who could blame them? — the poets got cold feet. What does come through, though, is the lighter side of the project — the recording of fun, pleasure in one another's company, reaching out to a sympathetic audience.

Good becoming moderate or poor, perhaps gale 8 later: southeast Iceland from *The Shipping Forecast*, by Mark Power (Zelda Cheatle Press, £19.95)

The main vehicle for this is Armitage's diary of the trip. Dubbing himself Petersson and Maxwell Jamesson *d l'Icelandaise*, he describes in amusing if prefab prose the flying and driving and drinking and interviewing. When seasickness put him out of commission for the whole nine hours of a trawler trip, Maxwell gallantly takes over in approved style: "*Jamesson of the BBC*. You've obviously got to start fishing in a few minutes, so how do you feel?"

Glyn Maxwell's main contribution is the really rather exhilarating verse play, *Harald and the Lonely Hearts*. He has, for instance, a chorus of a million young Icelanders — even though there are only a quarter of a million, all told! — hanging out in Reykjavik of a Friday night:

"There's nowhere to go in our capital town!/ It's here or it's bedtime, it's here hands down!/ We'll talk about chat about stuff about talk/ By the light of the moon and the songs of Bjork."

That sort of jaunty deprecation is the main note of *Moon Country*, more collective credibility than personal authority. Both poets are at their most persuasive when they say: "Read me, I am just like you!" The Thirties poets somehow managed to be both. Auden, addressing the shade of Yeats, said: "You were silly like us". Silliness isn't a problem, either then or now. But in the Thirties, they had at least the temporary conviction of their convictions. Not now.

I suppose this is the temper of the times: we are debunking, fugitive, ingratiating, clever. Simon Armitage spots a three-volume *Ornithology of Iceland*, "which presumably doubled as a menu"; Maxwell's Greens — sounding Like Red Indians — say: "Caucasians bad, Cetaceans good." As far as it goes, it can't really be bettered.

Poet who gives his soul for Wales

Russell Celyn Jones

FURIOUS INTERIORS
Wales, R. S. Thomas and God
By Justin Wintle
HarperCollins, £20
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Wales has been a divided country ever since the English-Welsh language fault line opened up in the late 18th century. Caught in the crossfire of the battle for the soul of the nation are two literatures which are perilously close to the point of cancelling each other out.

Furious Interiors examines this internicide — as a historiography of Wales and unofficial biography of Wales's greatest living poet, R. S. Thomas, who has embodied the conflict for the latter half of the 20th century. Justin Wintle is an Englishman who now lives in Wales and brings to the discussion both distance and empathy for his subject.

One suspects, reading this, that the heirs of the now defunct Nonconformist chapel society redeployed themselves into the media and academe. They canvass for the Welsh language with the same evangelical fervour as their forefathers. Welsh has become the new religion. It *is* the subject of Wales now, for R. S. Thomas in particular, the Anglican vicar who preaches in verse.

For other admirers of Wales, from Arnold to Amis, the language is also the problem. While Matthew Arnold conceded that the English could do with an infusion of Celtic temperament, "the Welsh language," he said, "is *the curse of Wales*". And what is risible to Kingsley Amis are the bilingual signs like taxi/*tacsi*. Prejudices are quotidian: "Never ask for directions in Wales, Baldrick," says Blackadder. "You'll be washing spit out of your hair for a fortnight."

What the high priests of Welsh do in the face of this hostility is to "cast out" such writers from the canon, or put a hex on them; black spots and voodoo dolls. R. S.'s response was to create an art out of resentment. His poetry is tribal propaganda and Wintle offers a detailed and insightful analysis of that work. Elsewhere, with his friend Ianto Owens, Wintle goes searching for his "quarry" on foot. Like Quixote and Sancho they try to unravel illusion from reality. In pubs they listen to people describing R. S. as an isolate, a misanthrope who deliberately blocks country lanes with his old Mini.

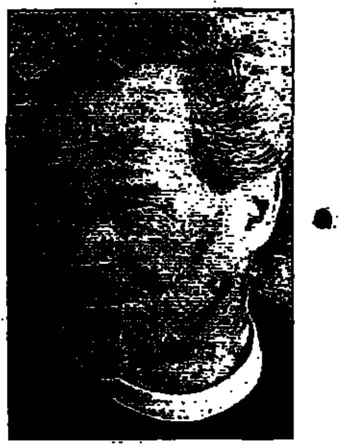
Whatever R. S.'s condition is, there is no doubt that it has come about by being in Wales. Over five decades he has created an emotional correspondence with its harsh landscape, adopted nationalism and forced all through a narrow aperture. Racist attitudes sit alongside his search for grace. As with Ezra Pound, whose fascist sympathies, rather than eclipsing his work, generated exigencies — so too with Thomas, whose Modernism clashes head-on with political and religious fundamentalism.

R. S.'s curacies terminated in the Lleyn peninsula, where the peasants suffer like God's subjects are meant to. The Welsh are the chosen race. But no sooner does R. S. glimpse Eden before the Fall — in the mountains, in a bird of prey, in a peasant at work — than it is lost when an English tourist walks by.

His invective against England has always been perplexing. He was married to an upper-class Englishwoman for 50 years, sent his son to public school over the border and wrote in the "thin" language he so vilifies, while castigating other Welsh writers who work in English as having "sinned against their own nation". In 1990 he goes on record as saying that he will give no more interviews in English; then in 1995, when he is nominated by the Arts Council for the Nobel Prize for literature, gives quite a few. A pacifist, he writes praise poems for warriors like Owain Glyndwr.

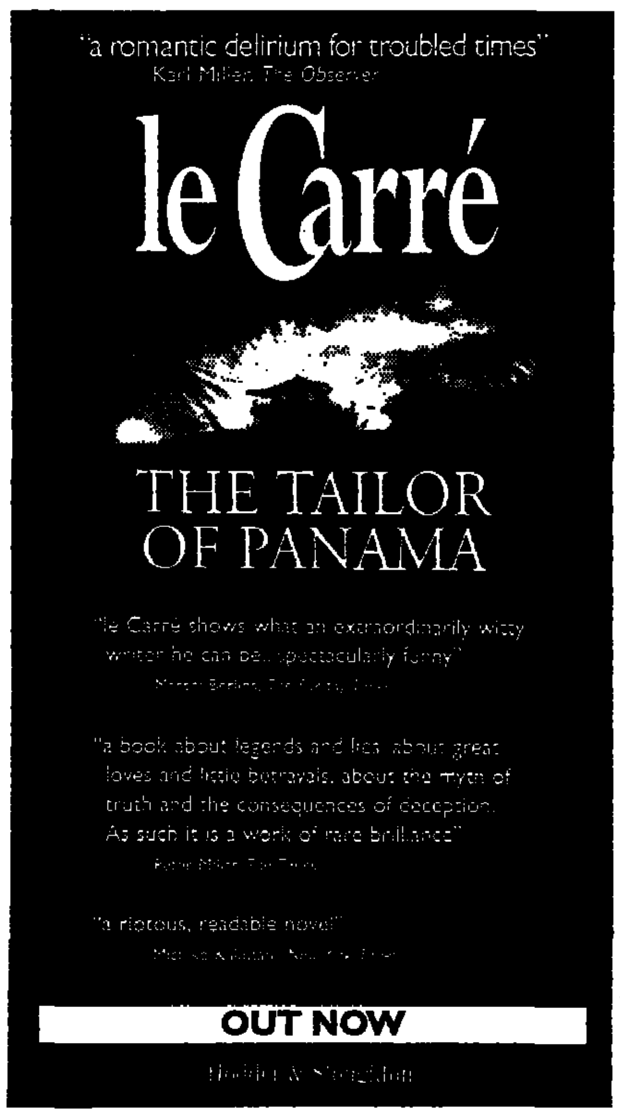
These seem not so much contradictions as bald-faced hypocrisies. But where the poetry is concerned, such tensions were critical. Wintle argues that his work has depended on two negatives: that Wales is a lost nation, and a God beyond reach; *deus absconditus*.

Since the history of Wales is so vital to R. S., Wintle offers a summary of every prince and bard, and every major event up until the end of the 20th century to have had an effect on Wales. And it is the 20th century R. S. blames for "destroying what was left of the Middle Ages in Wales". Wintle officiates: "R. S.'s love of Wales implies a history that in its simplicity - never was." The Welsh have always collaborated in their assimilation, from the Norman Conquests to the American entertainment colonisation of our times.



Thomas: nationalist

In the final analysis, R. S. Thomas sits outside all movements and schools. His exactitude has as much to do with Latin phrasing and his reading of English poets as his deep knowledge of Welsh prosody. And despite his stance against the world, the world reads admiringly. *Furious Interiors* is a scholarly yet lucid biography of this major poet and it is hard to imagine a better one being written.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THE SENSE OF REALITY
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Ideas have consequences; but rarely those expected or hoped for, and never only those. Throughout his writings on intellectual history, Isaiah Berlin has illuminated the ways in which ideas — in politics, philosophy and religion — escape their authors' control and work to confound the view of the world they were meant to express.

In previous writings, he has shown how the philosophy of Hume, which was meant to inculcate a civilised scepticism, became in Germany — in the writings of Johann Hamann and others — one of the principal sources of fideism, glorifying faith and revelation and spurning human reason.

In one of the nine hitherto unpublished essays on topics and thinkers as diverse as socialism, the Romantic movement and Rabindranath Tagore that are collected in this engrossingly readable volume, Berlin explains how the austere philosophy of Kant was one of the unfamiliar sources of nationalism. "Thus," he observes, "do ideas turn into their opposites."

Berlin has said that he gave up philosophy because he realised he would never be first-rate in the subject that was coming to be its core — logic. His account testifies chiefly to his innate modesty.

He may have had other reasons for turning to intellectual history. Abstract philosophical reasoning cannot capture in any system the varieties of human experience. Perhaps, in turning to the history of ideas, Berlin was only pursuing philosophy by other — and better — means.

By comparison with historians, dramatists and novelists, philosophers have not been notably good at understanding intractable conflict in human life. From Socrates onwards, they have succumbed to the idea that such conflict is — in the end — illusory. By contrast, Berlin's master-idea is that ethical conflicts — between uncombinable goods and unavoidable evils, between conflicting but equally valid claims of right — are real and ultimate. He does not greatly admire the project of theodicy, which is to represent the evils and tragedies of human life as necessary parts in a perfect whole.

Like the great 19th-century Russian liberal Alexander Herzen, whom he so admires, Berlin is suspicious of the very idea of perfection. His writings on political thought reflect this suspicion: in this volume's title essay and in another on *Political Judgment*, Berlin questions the common view that what distinguishes the Utopian mind in politics is its vain defiance of inescapable laws.

In the natural sciences, no doubt, those who flout well attested laws are rightly regarded as cranks. But in politics and ordinary life, it is the opposite error that distinguishes the crank. It is excessive faith in laws and methods derived from different disciplines — from natural science, engineering or economics — that marks out the Utopian mind in politics. Utopians are not those who rebel against iron laws. They are those who think they have found such laws when in human affairs there are none.

In a droll turnabout, the Utopian mind has lately found a home on the Right. The ineluctable necessities of the market have replaced the inexorable laws of history which captivated an earlier generation of ideologues. Who could have foreseen that in the closing decades of the 20th century the world would be ruled by a species of conservative Utopianism?

Yet a smattering of history suggests that the tenure in power of so doctrinaire a turn of mind is unlikely to be long. For anyone who reads these subtle, impassioned and playful essays, the ironies of our present condition will seem less unfamiliar, and more like unnumbered moments in the past when ideas have turned into their opposites.

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MARY EVANS

In the 19th century, appearance was often put before the need for practical military dress: infantry of the Napoleonic era, circa 1810

This book is as beautifully tailored as are the uniforms it describes. It is as orderly as a military parade. It is composed of just under 300 pages, of which one third is given to the listing of the notes.

The author, Scott Hughes Myerly, is presumably a Harvard man. One gets the *precision of words* and the sensitive research we expect from an American academician.

Although writing about the military scene, with many aspects of which we have been *brought* up, there are some fascinating bits of information. Did you know that the word "tight", meaning drunk, is "a tailor's slang expression that has survived from *the early 19th century*, equating the tightness of military dress with drunkenness"?

It is interesting to read how powerful was the influence of the colonel of a *regiment himself, particularly* on the taste of the uniform. There was tremendous competition. "Height requirements also influenced decisions on promotion. Promising or *deserving soldiers* were *often* prevented from attaining higher rank because commanders liked to promote tall, good-looking men." Fascinating it is to read that the expression "*being dressed to the nines*" originated in the impressive sartorial appearances of the Ninety-Ninth Foot of the 1850s.

Informative trouble is taken in *describing all details* of dress. There appears to have been no guidance from a War Office. But the King was the supreme commander. Interest in the details of the uniform varied with the Sovereigns. "The Royal Georges, especially, tended to put appearance *before their troops' need for practical* dress."

The book emphasises the difference between service and parade dress. Service dress became *important during* the Crimean War.

Otherwise the book is full of the most meticulous descriptions of parade dress. This, of course, interested the Regent, subsequently George IV. *We all know how friendly* he was with Beau Brummel.

We are told firmly that *military* dress does not concern itself with fashion and that the wearing of uniform is controlled by those who wield authority. The fact is that *display was clearly helped by the* horses. The long torso of the tall Guardsman looks undeniably splendid on a horse. The cavalry uniform was, of course, controlled by the sleeve of the traditional riding coat. The narrow shaped sleeve was cut high in the armhole, *remaining neat* when holding reins.

In his usual thorough way, our author does not neglect the Infantry. It is stated that "Khaki" was *introduced in 1849 for the East India* Company unit. He can say that the British Army provided one of the best military shows in Europe. He also points out that the privates' pay of a *shilling a day did not deter recruiting*: the bait was clearly the attractive and seductive uniform. He *quotes* Jane Austen's Lydia Bennett, but not Mrs Bennett who herself recalls: "I remember the time I liked a red coat myself very well — and indeed so I do *still in my heart*."

Red coats do not stop him from telling of the need of drink to placate the other ranks. The rum ration was distributed every day before breakfast *and "alcoholism was so wide*spread that those who did not drink were often ostracised by their fellows". Such a statement is typical of the author's wish to present the Army warts and all. But the large picture is one of great splendour and use.

BRITISH MILITARY SPECTACLE
From the Napoleonic Wars through the Crimea
By Scott Hughes Myerly
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Use is illustrated by the description of riots in the chapter "Civil Disorder" — called in to help the police. It was sometimes found that other ranks sided with the rioters. But mostly the Army was an instrument *of law and order. Its great weapon* was display. But the discipline at its heart created the victories of the Napoleonic and Crimean Wars.

The martial and admired orderly *life produced the Salvation Army* — army, be it noted — and for the young, the Boys' Brigade — brigade noted. Even Mrs Beeton was bitten by the military bug. She informed her readers that — as with the commander of an army or the leader of any *enterprise, so it is with a house*: standing orders, inspections, orders for the day and regularity.

It is in his admiration for display that our painstaking author is at his *best. He sees all parades as a show of* power, arousing strong national pride. The Guards, headed by The Blues (the Royal Horse Guards), are the stars. Today a visit to Hyde Park, to the area between the Serpentine and the barracks, will reward you with a pang of pride at the sight of the gleaming breastplates and horsehair flowing from the helmets. On your way to the park you may have to wrestle with the crowds outside *Buckingham Palace waiting to see* the Changing of the Guard.

Funerals like that of the Duke of Wellington in 1852 were an inspiration. It interested me to have it *pointed out that Queen Victoria* requested in her will that she have a military funeral.

I fear I have produced inadequate examples to prove to you that this is a *most* entertaining and scholarly work. Charm comes with the *author's pleasure in anecdotes; for* example, in describing the very high and tight collar which was at the neck of the body-fitting tunic, we are told that not only was this "stock" made of whalebone but sometimes of metal. It must at times have been uncomfortably tight. But we are also told that the soldiers liked it tight. It helped them to hold their heads up.

Beguiled by the immaculate white breeches on the cover one cannot help wondering what was worn underneath. The venerable Cunnington's *The History of Underclothes* is not very good on military gear. Long pants certainly. "Y"-fronted jockey *shorts* were a *few years off.* They would not do. There would be UPL. What's that? Ugly panty line, of course.

Sir Hardy Amies's The Englishman's Suit *is published by Quartet, priced £14.*

Of siblings and success

Frank Sulloway, a research scholar at MIT, is justly renowned for his book *Freud: Biologist of the Mind*, which was published in 1979. His new book seeks to answer an important question. How is it that some men and women of genius have the courage to reject contemporary paradigms and revolutionise the way we think? Have innovators such as Copernicus and Darwin anything in common? Why is it that some people eagerly embrace new discoveries, while others defend the status quo?

*Sulloway has investigat*ed one particular characteristic of the highly original. As Alfred Adler claimed during the early years of this century, birth order is important. Sulloway affirms that the majority of innovators are later-born children. Human beings, like other animals, usually invest more of the family resources in first-born children. As a result, *first-born children tend to* be conservative, socially dominant, and content with currently accepted beliefs. The later-born, being less *favoured, are more likely to* feel that they have to prove their worth by being different. This hypothesis also seeks to explain why children *sharing the same par*ents are often surprisingly different from one another.

It is easy to find exceptions to Sulloway's thesis. Few individuals have been so revolutionary in their thinking or had so great an impact upon the world as Newton, Einstein and Freud. Yet all were first-born sons.

Newton was a sickly, premature baby, whose father had died before he was born, and whose mother remarried when he was *three, leaving him in the* care of his grandmother. Sulloway suggests that Newton's resentment at this treatment accounts for his not exhibiting the usual pattern of first-born behaviour. Einstein was the first-born child of his parents: a sister followed two and a *half years later.* Einstein was one of the most original and revolutionary scientists ever born, but he does not conform to Sulloway's pattern, and Sulloway does not venture an explanation.

Freud was the first-born of his mother, but not of his father, since Amalia was his father's third wife. She subsequently bore seven more *children,* but Sigmund Freud remained her indisputable favourite, and Freud himself attributed his inner confidence in his *originality to her continuing* love.

However, exceptions prove the rule, and these examples, striking as they are, do not invalidate Sulloway's main contention about the differences between first and subsequent children, which he supports by a formidable quantity of research and a mass of statistics.

Anthony Storr

BORN TO REBEL
By Frank J. Sulloway
Little, Brown, £20
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But Sulloway's concentra*tion on birth order* is limiting. Creative innovation is also spurred by temperamental traits and personal peculiarities. Sulloway *points out that the parents* of Charles Dickens sent his elder sister to the Royal School of Music, but dispatched him to work in a *blacking factory: a humiliation* which may partially have motivated him to write as a way of proving his worth. But it is also the case that Dickens had the temperament of a manic-depressive. He had to be ceaselessly overactive, writing two books at once, acting, editing, or going for 20-mile walks. If he was idle, he relapsed into depression. Many writers have been driven in similar fashion.

Sulloway's huge book is a *valuable contribution to the* study of creativity, but birth order is only one of a large number of different factors which inspire originality and fuel rebellion against current paradigms.

And Irish eyes were smiling

Raymond Seitz

THE GREENING OF THE WHITE HOUSE
By Conor O'Clery
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SYGMA/ALAN LEWIS

Clinton and Adams meet in Falls Road, Belfast, 1995

This book is essential reading for every serious *student of music*-hall diplomacy. The author, Conor O'Clery of *The Irish Times*, was the only Irish journalist accredited to the White House from 1992 to 1995, and he thus enjoyed a front row seat at the rollicking, long-running Gerry Adams Show.

With commendable *dispassion*, O'Clery reconstructs the interplay of Irish and American politics, and the triumph of Sinn Fein in the Clinton presidency. For many years, the responsible Irish lobby in *America* had distinguished between the democratic, constitutional parties in Northern Ireland and the advocates of violence. The Friends of Ireland in the Unites States Congress more or less lumped together Sinn Fein and the IRA. And Irish issues seemed pretty parochial when set *within the great* global context of the Cold War.

All this started to unravel in the 1992 presidential campaign when candidate Clinton made a series of sympathetic promises to the more vociferous *East Coast* supporters of Irish republicanism. Within a year of his inauguration, he was called to account. After all, circumstances had changed. London and Dublin signed their joint declaration in December 1993, and Her Majesty's Government had *already conducted secret* exchanges with Sinn Fein.

But as O'Clery points out, the critical difference came with the cast of characters who assembled on the new Irish stage. Most important of these was *John Hume, the SDLP* leader, who vouched for the sincerity of Gerry Adams's newfound commitment to peace.

Second in importance was *the Kennedy connection:* Senator Ted, whose own re-election prospects were in some doubt; Sister Jean, by now American Ambassador in Dublin, where *her single-minded mission* to unify Ireland caused an embassy rebellion (she described the retired terrorist Joe Cahill as "loveable and funny"); and former Kennedy aide Nancy Soderberg, ensconced as a senior White House adviser. The Kennedy circuit was first activated by Hume, then by the energetic Irish lobby and finally by winks and nods from the Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds.

In early 1994, Gerry Adams applied for an American visa. He was asked to renounce violence and to endorse the joint declaration. Failing on both counts, he received the visa anyway. The idea, it seems, was to bolster Adams in his bargaining with the IRA command, and indeed, a *ceasefire was announced* seven months later, though a ceasefire was already on the cards. From then on, Irish policy was taken over by the *White House.*

The *quo* of the first visa never produced its *quid*. Instead, Adams, like Oliver, asked for more. And he got it. *Through the following* months, the Clinton White House made one concession after another, often backing away from its own conditions, *until Adams became the green* apple of the Washington eye. "Time and again," writes O'Clery, "the Administration ceded to the demands of *Adams's promoters on the* grounds that to do otherwise would risk unravelling the process."

O'Clery's rendering of events is faithful and serious. But after describing Clinton's triumphal tour of Ireland, and the climactic Docklands bomb ten weeks later, his narrative *trails off. In the end,* O'Clery seems reluctant to draw the conclusion which his own book suggests.

And the first among these is a cardinal rule of diplomacy: don't give unless you get.

Her small but perfect worlds

ANY publication by Alice Munro is cause for celebration: *she is surely the mistress* of her genre, the finest writer *of short* stories working in the English language today. In her *Selected Stories* (Chatto & Windus, £16.99; ISBN 0 7011 6521 9), Munro draws strength from the landscapes *and history* of her native Ontario and *of British* Columbia, and she conjures them in their absolute specificity.

This compendium gathers many of Munro's most memorable works, from early *stories* such as *Walker Brothers Cowboy, about* a child's shifting perception of her father in the Depression-ridden back roads of Ontario, to the subtle psychology of *Vandals*, a recent piece, in which young Liza and Warren, sent to check on the empty house of friends, destroy it. In *Lichen*, Stella's ex-husband David comes to visit with his girlfriend, Catherine, and with *whispered* details about the woman for whom he plans to leave Catherine. The tenderness and bitterness of the story's characters seep through their exchanges and linger after the story ends.

Munro *perhaps* describes her own endeavour best through the narrator of *Material*, a woman who reads a story by her ex-husband Hugo, which features a character based *on a woman* they knew in the early days of their marriage: "There is Dotty, lifted out of life and held in light, suspended in the marvellous clear jelly that Hugo has spent all his life learning how to make. *It is* an act of magic, there is no getting around it: it is an act, you might say, of a special unsparing, unsentimental love." This, truly, is Munro's gift.

The only sadness about this volume is that it does not contain all of Munro's stories, *and that it includes no previously* unpublished work. Nor does it offer any introduction by the author. Munro is present only in her unique style, which exemplifies the ideal set by her companion in greatness, *Eudora* Welty. Style ought to be, Welty wrote, "like the smoke from a fired cannon, like the ring in the water after the fish is pulled out or jumps back in". And the ripples of Munro's words, at *once soothing* and *exciting*, are glorious to behold.

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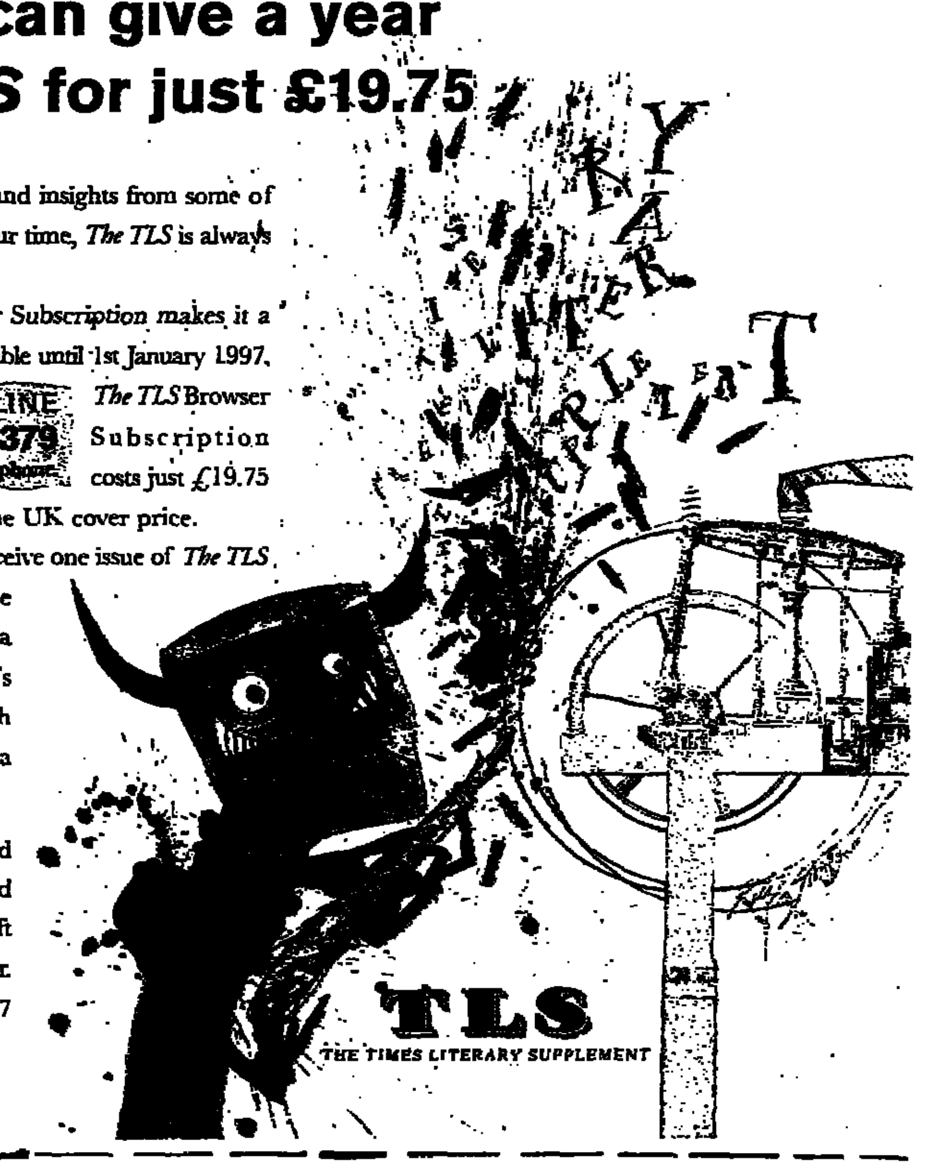

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SAILING

Goss proves point for underdogs in Atlantic

By Edward Gorman
Sailing Correspondent

PETE GOSS, in his 50ft, Adrian Thompson-designed *Aqua Quorum*, has climbed back to eighth place in the Vendée Globe single-handed non-stop round-the-world race and is now ahead of five 60ft pursuers, two of whom had to restart after technical problems.

Goss is a long way behind the leading yacht, Christophe Auguin's *Geodis*, which is almost 2,000 miles southeast *of him* across the South Atlantic and which was yesterday battling 50 knots of wind in the Roaring Forties after being knocked down on Tuesday.

Yet, in the last 24 hours, struggling in light airs to the north of Tristan da Cunha, Goss has moved ahead of his nearest rivals, Catherine Chabaud, on *Whirlpool Europe 2*, Patrick de Radigues, on *Afibel*, and Raphael Dinelli, on *Algimouss*.

This is a good performance from Goss, who cannot hope realistically to compete on terms with the best of the Open 60s that dominate the field. However, he still feels he can do better and puts his relatively low position down less to the inherent disadvantages of a 50ft yacht than to bad luck with routeing through the Canaries and then the Doldrums.

In a radio call yesterday, he said he regarded the race proper as just about to begin as he prepared to join the leaders in the Roaring Forties for the ride round to Cape Horn. "I feel frustrated I haven't been able to show what *Aqua Quorum* can do," he said. "I feel our place should be up in the second group."

Three boats are already out of the race, leaving 13 still sailing. The latest casualty, Isabelle Autissier on her new Finot-designed 60, *PRB*, has already made it into Cape Town, where a replacement rudder will be fitted. She was forced to retire on Sunday when lying in second place, but is planning to set off again to complete a circumnavigation. However, she will be unclassified in the race because she has stopped.

Alan Lee on the impressive authority of Australia's Test captain

Taylor measures up to leading role

RICK RYCROFT

Taylor is ecstatic after claiming an extraordinary, juggling slip catch to dismiss Carl Hooper on the last day of the Sydney Test match

In the warm afterglow of a second victory over West Indies inside a fortnight, Mark Taylor could legitimately have claimed his Australia side need only to draw the Christmas Test match in Melbourne to retain the Frank Worrell Trophy. But not a bit of it. "I don't like drawn Tests," he said yesterday. "I'm only thinking that we must win at least three."

Nothing could better have captured the approach of a man who may come to be regarded among the greatest of Test captains and the most positive of any in the modern era. International cricket has never been so competitive or so demanding of its teams and their leaders, but Taylor is refreshing in all that he does. He even managed to sound enthusiastic about Australia's annual limited-overs merry-go-round that starts in Melbourne tomorrow.

It is easy to forget that Taylor, 32, has been in charge for only two years, making him a comparative junior among Test captains. In that time he has won series against England, West Indies, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, before the blip of a one-off defeat in India. Now, he has West Indies on the ropes in a way that no other team has managed for two decades.

Taylor needs to win this series well, however, for two reasons. Right now, his country is more concerned about the Worrell Trophy, for which they had to wait so long, than the Ashes, about which they have become complacent. But if reasserting their supremacy over the West Indies is a priority, it is also a requirement, in confidence and credibility terms, at the start of a cluttered calendar that, come February 1998, will have seen Australia play 21 Tests in 16 months.

This is a heavy workload, even allowing for the fact that Australia's cricketers now play very little domestically. Taylor is facing it with a highly organised mind and, although he admits that he is finding the demands on his time even greater than he had imagined, he has set a clear itinerary for himself and Australian cricket in a way, perhaps, that his predecessor, Allan Border, never did.

Border's achievements were immense, for he took over a team in disarray and gradually gave it self-belief by the strength of his own will to win. Moreover, he sustained it for ten years, spanning 93 Test matches, and now he is about to start his next mission for Australian cricket by coaching their under-19 side in Pakistan early next year.

Throughout his time, though, there was an impression that Border was doing it on sufferance. Bob Simpson, the team coach until earlier this year, agrees. "Border and Taylor are very different people who go about the captaincy in different ways," Simpson said. "Border was a reluctant captain who gradually grew into the job. Taylor is a confident young man who desperately wanted to be Australian captain."

Taylor inherited a successful side, but he has imposed himself upon it with authority, without being authoritarian. His talents lie in communication, both around his team and more widely, and in the anticipation that marks so many of his on-field tactics. There are lucky captains and there are gifted ones. The blessed are those who have some of each and Taylor appears to be among them.

Habitually, his more implausible bowling changes are rewarded, such as when Steve Waugh broke down in mid-over in Brisbane and Taylor threw the ball to Ricky Ponting, a serious bowler only in his imagination. Immediately, Ponting produced a perfect inswinger to dismiss Jimmy Adams leg-before.

His field changes draw equal admiration, the latest of them being to shift Glenn McGrath 15 yards to his left on the square-leg boundary, the ball before Courtney Walsh swung him a catch to finish the Sydney Test. McGrath was man of the match but first he had to face a withering stare from Taylor for dropping two catches earlier in the day. He may be fair and shrewd but Taylor is no pussy-cat.

What everyone accepts is his honesty and chivalry. Several times, he has ruled out slip or wicketkeeping catches that would have been contentious if left to the umpires. He did it again in this latest Test and, when it was over, he marched his men up the visiting team's steps of the Sydney pavilion to shake hands with every West Indian player.

If Taylor has a problem it is his batting and he admits his concentration is "lousy". He will have another new opening partner in Melbourne, Matthew Elliott now being ruled out for two months by his knee injury, and Taylor's lack of a big score will become a focus for the perennial game of finding a flaw in a captain's make-up. This one, certainly, has very few.

Lee and Slater play against England A

ENGLAND A were expecting one of the most demanding assignments of their Australian tour when they took on New South Wales in the first of two one-day matches at the SCG today.

New South Wales, denied the services of Mark Taylor, Mark and Steve Waugh and Michael Bevan through injury and commitments with the Australia squad for the World Series Cup, still managed to pick a powerful side.

It includes the all-rounder, Shane Lee, and opening batsman, Michael Slater, both members of Australia's World Cup squad that lost in the final to Sri Lanka, and the former Test all-rounder, Greg Matthews.

"We are well aware that these two one-day matches could be the toughest we face throughout the tour," David Graveney, the England A manager, said. "We are approaching it as a two-match one-day series and winning them both will greatly improve the opinion people have over here of English cricket."

The Lancashire opening batsman, Jason Gallian, out with a cracked right index finger since November 18, was due to have a net session before the match but seemed more likely to return for the second game in Wollongong on Saturday. Dean Headley, the fast bowler, was expected to play after ten days' rest.

ENGLAND A (from): A J Hollioake (captain), M A Butcher, M P Vaughan, J E R Gallian, A McGrath, O A Shah, M A Ealham, C White, W K Hegg, A F Giles, G Chapple, D W Headley, P M Such, A J Harris.

NEW SOUTH WALES: G R J Matthews (captain), T Bayliss, P A Emery, S Lee, B E McNamara, C J Richards, K J Roberts, G Robertson, M J Slater, A M Stuart, S M Thompson.

Pakistan's victory inspired by dazzling Saqlain

By Our Sports Staff

SAQLAIN MUSHTAQ, the off spinner, claimed figures of *five for 44 to bring* Pakistan an 11-run victory over New Zealand in the opening one-day international in Gujranwala yesterday.

The 20-year-old off spinner returned his best figures in limited-overs cricket as New Zealand, chasing Pakistan's 228 for eight in 46 overs, were dismissed for 217 in 45.4 overs in a match reduced to 46 overs a side because the sun was shining in the batsmen's eyes at the scheduled start of play.

Saqlain dismantled the brittle New Zealand batting to put his side 1-0 up in the three-match series. Bryan Young, the opener, was top scorer for the touring side with a fluent 58 off 93 balls while Stephen Fleming and Chris Cairns each contributed 36.

Pakistan, batting first after winning the toss, were helped to a respectable total by half-centuries from Salim Malik and Wasim Akram, the captain. Salim, named man of the match, made an unbeaten 73, including a six and six fours, off 78 balls. It was his 41st half-century in his 247th one-day international. Wasim's 52 took his run tally in one-day internationals past 2,000 runs in his 215th game.

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar run out	27
Zahoor Elahi c Young b Kennedy	5
Ijaz Ahmed c Harris b Doull	8
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Germon b Astle	14
Salim Malik not out	73
†Moin Khan c Fleming b Cairns	3
*Wasim Akram c Patel b Harris	52
Shahid Afridi c Patel b Harris	18
Saqlain Mushtaq c Young b Astle	10
Mushtaq Ahmed not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 17, nb 1)	22
Total (8 wkts, 46 overs)	228

Waqar Younis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-19, 3-60, 4-61, 5-71, 6-162, 7-181, 8-197

BOWLING: Doull 9-0-33-1; Kennedy 9-0-47-1; Cairns 10-0-48-1; Astle 9-1-31-2; Harris 6-0-40-2; Patel 3-0-24-0.

NEW ZEALAND

B A Young b Waqar	58
C M Spearman run out	6
A C Parore lbw b Mushtaq Ahmed	35
S P Fleming st Moin b Saqlain	36
C L Cairns c Moin b Waqar	36
N J Astle c Salim b Saqlain	11
D N Patel st Moin b Saqlain	0
S B Doull run out	0
C Z Harris c Shahid b Saqlain	20
*†L K Germon c sub b Saqlain	2
R J Kennedy not out	0
Extras (lb 2, w 8, nb 3)	13
Total (45.4 overs)	217

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-104, 3-117, 4-177, 5-185, 6-185, 7-186, 8-200, 9-203.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 9-0-44-0; Waqar Younis 9-0-48-2; Saqlain Mushtaq 9.4-0-44-5; Mushtaq Ahmed 9-0-35-1; Shahid Afridi 9-0-44-0.

Man of the match: Salim Malik.

Umpires: Javed Akhtar and Khizer Hayat (both Pakistan).

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

My partner made an intelligent play, and the declarer a poor one, on this recent rubber bridge hand.

Dealer South **Game all** **Rubber bridge**

North:
♠ 3
♥ 108764
♦ AK32
♣ Q109

West:
♠ Q765
♥ —
♦ QJ9864
♣ AK7

East:
♠ J98
♥ QJ92
♦ 107
♣ J543

South:
♠ AK1042
♥ AK53
♦ 5
♣ 862

S	W	N	E
1 S	2 D	Pass	Pass
2 H	Pass	4 H	All Pass

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: ace of clubs

I led the ace of clubs and my partner played the jack. You see the point of that — it encouraged me to go on with clubs. Had East played a low club I might have decided, say, to play him for a diamond void. From East's point of view a diamond switch would have been fatal if South had had one diamond and two clubs.

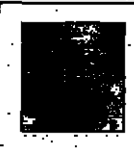
I continued with the king of clubs and another club. When declarer won in dummy he played the four of hearts: East followed with the two, declarer played the king and now he had to lose two heart tricks to East.

Declarer missed an easy safety play. At trick four, when East plays the two of hearts, declarer should play the three. If West wins, the remaining two hearts will fall under the ace-king. Declarer will make four hearts in dummy, two spades in hand, a club in dummy, two diamond tricks and eventually a diamond ruff in hand.

It does East no good to play the nine on the first heart. Declarer wins, noting that West shows out. He crosses to the ace of diamonds, and plays another heart. East has to split his honours, and now there are a variety of ways for declarer to make six of the last seven tricks.

The first round of Camrose matches will take place at the weekend: England v Scotland at the Swallow Hotel, Stockton-on-Tees (further details ring John Williams at the EBU on 01296 394414) and Wales v Northern Ireland at the *Maelgwyn Castel*, Cardigan (further details ring Lloyd Lewis 01269 842117).

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.



KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

Computer slaughter

The Fritz4 computer program has annihilated the powerful Slovenian national team by the extraordinary score of eight points to two. Ten games were played in a double round competition with 30 minutes per player per game. Although such fast time limits are known to favour computer programs over humans, Fritz's eventual ELO rating performance of 2,727 was absolutely extraordinary.

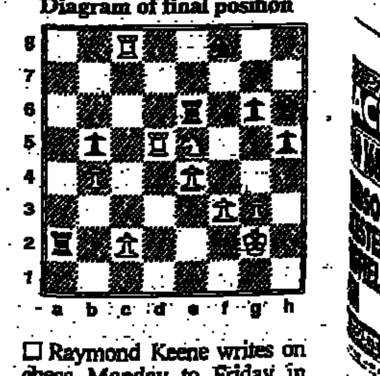
In the following game Beliavsky commits the error of following a long theoretical variation, which is known to favour White. However, the level of punishment meted out by the computer program was hard to foresee. It conducted a difficult endgame to perfection, and experts were heard to compare Fritz4's squeeze play to that of Karpov.

White: *Fritz4*
Black: Alexander Beliavsky
Bled, November 1996

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Bxc6	dxc6
5	0-0	f6
6	d4	Bg4
7	dxe5	Qxd1
8	Rxd1	fxe5
9	Rd3	Bd6
10	Nbd2	Nf6
11	Nc4	0-0
12	Nfxe5	Be2
13	Re3	Bxc4
14	Nxc4	Ng4
15	Re2	Bxh2+
16	Kh1	Bg3
17	f3	Rae8
18	Bd2	Ne5
19	Ne3	Ng6
20	Bc3	Bd6
21	Nc4	Bc5
22	b4	Ba7
23	Rd2	Nf4
24	g3	Ne6
25	Kg2	c5
26	Rad1	b5
27	Ne5	cxb4
28	Bxb4	Bc5
29	a3	Bxb4
30	axb4	Ng5
31	Rd5	h6
32	R1d3	Rf6
33	Nd7	Rf7
34	Nc5	Kh7
35	Ra3	Rf6
36	Rxa6	c6
37	Rd3	h5
38	Ra1	Ne6
39	Rh1	Kh6
40	Nd7	Rf7
41	Rd6	g6
42	Ne5	Ra7
43	Rhd1	Ra2
44	Rxc6	Nf8
45	Rd5	Re6
46	Rc8	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DARIOLE
a. A Persian coin
b. A custard tart
c. A wax impression

DISMEMBRATOR
a. The man-splitter Sinis
b. A Roundhead revolutionary
c. A separator

EXCIPULUM
a. A graduate disciple
b. A Vatican apology
c. A cell cup

DEAURATE
a. To remove the ears
b. Breezeless
c. Golden

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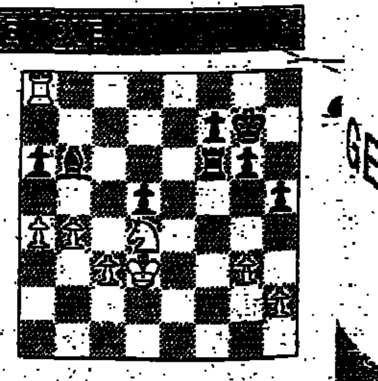
By Raymond Keene



White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine — Bogolyubov, Dresden 1936. Black is trying to lure White into the trap 1 Rxa6 when 1 ... Bxd4 wins material. What should White play?

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RACING: McCOY FRUSTRATED OVER CHEPSTOW COMMITMENT

Dunwoody moves swiftly to secure Teinein ride

By Julian Muscat

AMID the gallery basking in glorious sunshine at Fontwell yesterday was one jockey who could not contemplate his fate. So frustrated was Tony McCoy that he still harboured hopes of riding Teinein on Saturday, several hours after Richard Dunwoody had been confirmed as his replacement.

Details of Dunwoody's booking for the William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Sandown spread like a forest fire. Teinein, unextended in two outings this season, was backed down to 7-2 from 9-2 with the sponsors. Yet McCoy insisted: "Nothing has been decided. We'll just have to wait and see." When Saturday comes, however, McCoy will be at Chepstow to partner the Paul Nicholls-trained Belmont King in the Rehearsal Chase.

No one could blame the champion jockey for clutching at straws. After riding in the opener at Cheltenham nine days ago, McCoy dashed more than 100 miles to Huntingdon to ride Teinein in the concluding event. He knew the contest was a formality; Teinein obliged in a common canter. Now he must forfeit what he feels will be a valuable payday. Asked about Teinein's chance, he responded: "He is well up to it. He is well up to anything, for that matter."

The soundings were equally positive in Dunwoody's camp. Last season, Dunwoody landed the Sandown contest on Chief's Song but he quickly rejected the option when approached by Teinein's connections. His agent, Robert Parsons, said: "Richard rode Mouse Bird [against Teinein] at Worcester and he thought he would win that day. But Teinein sailed past him with ease."

If it all sounds like a formality, punters should consider The Grey Monk's Hennessy defeat at Newbury just five days ago. The Gordon Richards-trained chaser, rated a snip at the weights, was clearly outpointed by Coome Hill but was yesterday installed 4-1 favourite for the Coral Welsh National by the sponsors. Should he take his chance, The Grey Monk will effectively compete from a 7lb higher mark than in his Hennessy defeat.

Richards, who has never won the Chepstow stamina test, appears keen to run but will wait another week before making plans. A soft surface will be to the horse's advantage but he needs time between his races, Richards reported. Coral then bets: 7-1 Billygoat Gruff, 10-1 Lo Stregone, General Wolfe, Parsons Boy, Suny Bay, 12-1 Evangelica, Moorcroft Boy, Sister Stephanie, 14-1 bar.

Billygoat Gruff and St Mellion Fairway, who spearhead a strong entry from David Nicholson's stable, will both be in action on Saturday. The latter is expected to clash with the Noel Chance-trained Mr Mulligan, due to be schooled by David Bridgwater in Lambourn this morning.

Josh Gifford, who saddled Duke Of Aprolon to victory in the Norfolk Challenge Cup at Fontwell yesterday, reported the imminent return of two of his injured stable stars. Brief Gale, a former winner of the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham, may reappear in the Betterware Cup at Ascot later this month. And Bradbury Star, now recovered after prolonged treatment to an injured hock, will return at the first suitable opportunity — possibly at Chepstow on Saturday.

Nap: SANMARTINO
(12.50 Leicester)
Next best: Zeredar
(2.30 Windsor)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Serenus, left, on his way to winning the Eartham Juvenile Novices' Hurdle at Fontwell Park yesterday

LEICESTER

THUNDERER

12.20 Far Dawn
12.50 Sanmartino
1.20 Mr Flutts
1.50 The Shy Padre
2.20 Shining Light
2.50 Mazzini
3.20 CIRCUS STAR (nap)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
3.20 CIRCUS STAR.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES)
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

12.20 BEGINNERS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,396: 2m) (15 runners)

101 1 FAR DAWN 19 (D,G) (P Wiegand) Mrs A Perrett 11-5 ... G Maude 95
102 3134 SQUIRE'S OCCASION 12 (D,F) (Chelgate PR Ltd) R Akehurst 11-5 ... R Dunwoody ■
103 ALBAHA 40F (UK Packaging Supplies Ltd) J Banks 10-12 ... J R Kavanagh —
104 BARANOV 44F (Mrs S Nash) D Murray Smith 10-12 ... D Gallagher —
105 2P BRIGHT ECLIPSE 6 (B) (Alfort) Miss K Whitehouse 10-12 ... T Jenks 74
106 P0 CASHAPLENTY 24F (J Ball) N Littmoden 10-12 ... Mr D Verco 76
107 F COME ON IN 15 (Mrs C Dickin) R Dickin 10-12 ... W Marston —
108 FOREST BOY 190F (C Marks (Banbury)) J Bosley 10-12 ... M Bosley —
109 0 IRISH KINSMAN 15 (M Aldersey) G Yardley 10-12 ... A Thornton —
110 LORD HAASHIM (N Usaidat) T Hill 10-12 ... T Eley —
111 RED TIE AFFAIR 67F (Mrs D Potter) J Bradley 10-12 ... T J Murphy —
112 0 STAR BLAKENEY 29 (T Walker) G Barnett 10-12 ... R Farrant 89
113 TOBY BROWN 82F (A Stennett) D Nicholson 10-12 ... A Maguire —
114 00 SHANOORA 17 (Leitchallenge Ltd) Mrs N Macauley 10-7 ... E Husband (3) —
115 SPIRAL FLYER 67F (M Thurgood) M Usher 10-7 ... W McFarland —

BETTING: 6-4 Far Dawn, 7-1 Squire's Occasion, Star Blakeney, 8-1 Baranov, Forest Boy, 10-1 Albaha, 14-1 others

1995: OCEAN HAWK 11-5 C Llewellyn (11-8 fav) N Twiston-Davies 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

FAR DAWN beat Sterling Fellow 4l in 19-runner juvenile hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). SQUIRE'S OCCASION 11l 4th of 7 to Lear Jet in juvenile hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good to firm). ALBAHA 6½l 9th of 19 to Henry Island in a handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). BRIGHT ECLIPSE 7l 2nd of 5 to Veratum in juvenile hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, firm). STAR BLAKENEY 10l 7th of 17 to Always Happy in juvenile hurdle at Haydock (2m, good). SHANOORA 23l 7th to Peter Monamy in selling hurdle over course and distance (good to soft).
Selection: SHANOORA

12.50 KNIGHTON NOVICES HURDLE (£3,194: 2m) (18 runners)

201 50/ ANOTHER FIDDLE 9F (Mrs D Crick) B Pearce 6-10-12 ... A S Smith —
202 3/ BANNY HILL LAD 615 (A Sawyer) C Morlock 6-10-12 ... J R Kavanagh —
203 BEGGER'S OPERA 40F (S McBride) Pat Mitchell 4-10-12 ... T Kent —
204 53 FASTINI GOLD 16 (G Summers) M Usher 4-10-12 ... W McFarland 64
205 JOLTO 45F (Mrs D Barclay) K McAuliffe 7-10-12 ... D Gallagher —
206 06605-0 KUMARI KING 19 (P Killoughery) A Carroll 6-10-12 ... M Brennan 72
207 LEADING SPIRIT 89F (Indoria Racing Partners Two) C Wall 4-10-12 ... P Hide —
208 401/02- LEGIBLE 275 (G) (S Tindall) S Mellor 8-10-12 ... N Mann ■
209 006 NANJIZAL 33 (R Sayers) K Bridgwater 4-10-12 ... V Slattery —
210 NO MATTER (N Cooper) R Rowe 5-10-12 ... D O'Sullivan —
211 RED ADMIRAL 61F (Sackville House Racing) C Murray 6-10-12 ... K Gaule (3) —
212 RED PHANTOM 19F (Ms G Stewart) S Mellor 4-10-12 ... A Thornton —
213 REMEI 55F (I Goldsmith) R Akehurst 7-10-12 ... R Dunwoody —
214 0 ROYRACE 29 (A Evans) W Brisbourne 4-10-12 ... R Massey (3) —
215 30 SAHEL 19 (Pipers Partnership) J Mullins 8-10-12 ... S Curran 89
216 SANMARTINO 61F (K Abdulla) D Nicholson 4-10-12 ... A Maguire —
217 P SPITFIRE BRIDGE 31 (Marcaston Consultants Ltd) G McCourt 4-10-12 R Hobson (7) —
218 1/F04P3- SUPREME GENOTIN 230 (S) (W Stott) J Old 7-10-12 ... G Upton 89

BETTING: 4-5 Sanmartino, 5-1 Leading Spirit, 7-1 Remei, 8-1 Legible, 10-1 Supreme Genotin, 12-1 Red Phantom, 14-1 others

1995: DIVERTIMENTO 4-10-9 E Husband (16-1) J Mackie 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANOTHER FIDDLE 24l 8th of 12 to Fourth In Line in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good), Dec 94. BANNY HILL LAD 7½l 3rd of 10 to Ur Only Young Once in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). FASTINI GOLD 10½l 3rd of 6 to Urban Lily in a selling hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy). LEADING SPIRIT beat Wild Rita ½l in an 18-runner handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good). LEGIBLE 2l 2nd of 13 to Alltime Dancer in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good to soft). RED ADMIRAL beat Imposing Time neck in a 13-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 8f) on penultimate start. REMEI 38l 14th of 15 to Shadow Leader in a handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good). SAHEL 5¾l 3rd of 6 to Clywd Queen in a novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. SANMARTINO beat 2nd of 8 to Celeric in the group III Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket (2m, good to firm). SUPREME GENOTIN 5¾l 3rd of 9 to Cittadino in a novice hurdle at Ayr (2m, good to soft).
Selection: LEGIBLE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
N Henderson	5	13	38.5	D Parker	3	8	37.5
D Nicholson	11	38	28.9	C Llewellyn	8	33	24.2
J White	4	16	25.0	R Dunwoody	9	45	20.0
Mrs J Pitman	7	39	17.9	G Bradley	4	20	20.0
Only qualifiers				W Marston	9	52	17.3

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Leicester: 12.20 Bright Eclipse. 1.50 Pennant Cottage, Spearhead Again. 2.50 L'Equipe. Lingfield Park: 12.10 Henry The Fifth. 1.40 Sam Rockett. Windsor: 12.30 Murphy's Run. 1.30 Dukes Meadow, Highland Jack. 2.30 King Credo, Who's To Say.

1.20 BARKBY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,285: 2m 4f 110yd) (17 runners)

301 P43-631 MR FLUTTS 9 (D,F,S) (J Tuck) J Tuck 10-11-11 (7ex) ... S McNeill 94
302 F156-P6 ASTRAL INVASION 12 (B,F) (E Westman) G McCourt 5-11-10 ... R Hobson (7) 95
303 0-0P061 SIR PAGEANT 14 (B,D,G,S) (The Dirty Dozen) K Bridgwater 7-11-8 ... R Dunwoody 91
304 606545- VISCOUNT TULLY 202 (S) (C Jackson) C Jackson 11-11-7 ... D Burrows (7) 98
305 5603 BLANC SEING 23 (B) (J Swiers) J Swiers 9-11-4 ... Mr S Swiers 96
306 3/4-0650 SAYMORE 23 (F,G,S) (P Morris & G Evans) W Clay 10-11-3 ... S Wynne 92
307 4-P5440 ITS GRAND 8 (D,S) (Avon & West Racing Club Ltd) J Bradley 7-11-3 ... A Maguire 97
308 463P-25 ALICE'S MIRROR 15 (BF,G,S) (A Partnership) K Bishop 7-11-2 ... R Greene ■
309 203P-33 KATBALLOU 9 (M Foulger) K Wingrove 7-11-0 ... Mr A Wintle (7) 92
310 /2440 ANTIGUAN FLYER 38 (G) (G Prodromou) G Prodromou 7-10-11 ... Mr A Coe (7) 95
311 P/54/3F- PERSIAN BUD 24F (J Bosley) J Bosley 8-10-10 ... M Bosley 98
312 0-06046 CATWALKER 19 (Mrs I Webb) H Webb 5-10-4 ... Sophie Mitchell (5) 94
313 0/60 JEAN DE FLORETTE 31F (G Linder) R Spicer 5-10-3 ... R Supple 90
314 450543 SCALP 'EM 15 (Mrs T Pritchard) P Pritchard 8-10-0 ... Dr P Pritchard 94
315 00P- COTTAGE JOKER 211 (W Bethell) W Bethell 6-10-0 ... A S Smith —
316 /03PP5/ ESCADARO 568 (V) (Mrs V Ward) Mrs V Ward 7-10-0 ... J R Kavanagh —
317 /0P0/FU SCORPION BAY 8 (Mrs A Bramma) D ffrench Davis 8-10-0 ... J Magee (3) —

Long handicap: Cottage Joker 9-8, Escadaro 9-7, Scorpion Bay 9-6.

BETTING: 4-1 Sir Pageant, 6-1 Mr Flutts, 7-1 Blanc Seing, 8-1 Katballou, 10-1 Viscount Tully, Catwalker, 12-1 Alice's Mirror, 14-1 others

1995: EDWARD SEYMOUR 8-10-5 Mr R Burton (16-1) W Jenks 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

MR FLUTTS beat Quiet Mistress 1¼l in a 14-runner selling handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (3m 2f, good to soft) with KATBALLOU (1lb better off) 11l 3rd. SIR PAGEANT beat Bright Sapphire 2l in a 12-runner selling handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 3f, good) with KATBALLOU (8lb better off) 5l 3rd. VISCOUNT TULLY 18l 4th of 8 to Marine Society in a handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 6f, soft) on penultimate start. BLANC SEING 5¾l 3rd of 10 to Top Skipper in a selling handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (3m 3f 110yd, good). ALICE'S MIRROR 26l 2nd of 11 to Royal Standard in a selling handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy) on penultimate start with SCALP'EM (7lb better off) 9¾l 4th. PERSIAN BUD 9l 3rd of 13 to Red Valerian in a maiden hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to firm) on penultimate jump starts.
Selection: BLANC SEING (nap)

1.50 JOHN O'GAUNT MAIDEN CHASE (£3,366: 3m) (10 runners)

401 00/FPPP- DESPERATE DAYS 255 (F Kirby) F Kirby 7-11-6 ... W Dwan —
402 4-20 LOCH GARMAN HOTEL 12 (D Hall) P Dalton 7-11-6 ... T Eley 84
403 000/0-5 MASTER HOPE 19 (The Deeley Pipers) D Nicholson 7-11-6 ... A Maguire 80
404 0-3 RAMSTOWN LAD 17 (Mrs C Davies) K Bailey 7-11-6 ... A Thornton 94
405 P050-U2 ROYAL HAND 49 (R Armson) R Armson 6-11-6 ... Mr R Armson —
406 33F-P60 SPEARHEAD AGAIN 12 (V) (L Jakeman) K Bridgwater 7-11-6 ... R Massey (3) ■
407 THE MARMALADE CAT (P Browes) Mrs D Haine 7-11-6 ... J R Kavanagh —
408 26/5P5-2 THE SHY PADRE 14 (M Bateman, D Collard) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-6 W Marston 98
409 4P0P-46 PENNANT COTTAGE 29 (B,S) (P Woolley) Miss K Whitehouse 8-11-1 T Jenks —
410 B SNOWDON LILY 15 (Mrs P Starkey) P Webber 5-11-0 ... E Husband (3) —

BETTING: 6-4 The Shy Padre, 5-2 Ramstown Lad, 7-1 Master Hope, Loch Garman Hotel, 8-1 others

1995: AIRTRAK 6-11-2 J R Kavanagh (6-1) N Henderson 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

LOCH GARMAN HOTEL 24l 2nd of 4 to Don Du Cadran in novice chase at Uttoxeter (3m, good to firm) on penultimate start. RAMSTOWN LAD 20¾l 3rd of 11 to Maramy's Choice in maiden chase at Plumpton (2m 5f, good to soft). ROYAL HAND distant 2nd of 4 to Coolteen Hero in novice chase at Taunton (2m 110yd, good to firm). SPEARHEAD AGAIN 37l 8th of 13 to Salmon Breeze in maiden hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, good). THE SHY PADRE 2l 2nd of 9 to Dromhana in maiden chase at Warwick (3m 2f, good).
Selection: RAMSTOWN LAD

2.20 SILVER BELL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,844: 2m 4f 110yd) (6 runners)

501 121-422 FIVELEIGH BUILDS 13 (D,F,G,S) (Miss L Russell) Miss L Russell 9-12-0 A Thornton 96
502 15-23UP CONTI D'ESTRUVAL 19 (D,F,S) (B Keay) G Balding 8-11-11 ... B Clifford 95
503 223-122 PHILIP'S WOODY 18 (D,F,G,S) (K Knox) N Henderson 8-11-5 ... J R Kavanagh 98
504 132U5-1 SHINING LIGHT 19 (D,G,S) (The Deeley Pipers) D Nicholson 7-10-10 A Maguire 96
505 24PUF/3- YEOMAN WARRIOR 400 (S) (Mrs H Alwen) R Rowe 9-10-5 ... D O'Sullivan 92
506 22125-1 SARTORIUS 180 (V,D,F,G,S) (M Popham) T Thomson Jones 10-10-6 ... P Niven ■

BETTING: 7-4 Shining Light, 3-1 Philip's Woody, 9-2 Fiveleigh Builds, 5-1 Sartorius, 6-1 others

1995: CHICHELL'S HURST 9-10-2 R Massey (8-1) Mrs P Sly 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIVELEIGH BUILDS 8l 2nd of 5 to Bas De Laine in handicap chase at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. CONTI D'ESTRUVAL best recent effort, neck and 10l 3rd of 4 to Gierpol in a handicap chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, good). PHILIP'S WOODY 9l 2nd of 5 to Time Enough in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good). SHINING LIGHT beat Mr President 1¾l in handicap chase at Huntingdon (2m 4f 110yd, good). YEOMAN WARRIOR 15l 3rd of 7 to Gdga Valu in handicap chase at Kempton (3m, good to firm). SARTORIUS beat Polden Pride ½l in handicap chase at Worcester (2m 4f 110yd, good).
Selection: FIVELEIGH BUILDS

2.50 WALTHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,410: 2m) (7 runners)

601 040-121 MAZZINI 26 (D,F,G) (M Cooper) R Rowe 5-11-10 ... A Garrity (5) 95
602 0510- EURO SINGER 9F (D,F) (Syndicate From Hell) P Webber 4-11-8 ... E Husband 94
603 402232- SHEPHERDS REST 204 (D,S) (The Odd Dozen) S Mellor 4-11-5 ... S Hearn (5) 91
604 4-42131 GLOWING PATH 15 (CD,F,S) (P Slade) R Hodges 6-10-11 ... J Harris ■
605 3/00 L'EQUIPE 19 (B) (M Watt) C Mann 6-10-11 ... J Magee 86
606 465U55 FENIAN COURT 20 (Miss J Bower) Miss J Bower 5-10-6 ... K Gaule 92
607 1234/3 KINTAVI 6 (D,S) (S Taberner) T Donnelly 6-10-6 ... D Parker 85

BETTING: 6-4 Mazzini, 5-1 Euro Singer, Glowing Path, Shepherds Rest, 8-1 L'Equipe, Kintavi, 10-1 Fenian Court

1995: MOST EQUAL 5-11-9 D Burrows (6-1) M Pipe 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAZZINI beat Neat Feat 5l in novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good). EURO SINGER beat Proscenium 12l in maiden hurdle at Towcester (2m, firm) on penultimate start. SHEPHERDS REST 3l 2nd of 7 to Eden Dancer in juvenile hurdle at Perth (2m 110yd, good to firm). GLOWING PATH beat Lawnswood Junior 13l in selling handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good to soft). L'EQUIPE 31l 7th of 12 to Secret Spring in novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). FENIAN COURT 6¾l 3rd of 10 to Clare Maid in maiden hurdle at Ayr (2m, good). KINTAVI 10¾l 3rd of 10 to Tanseeq in handicap hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good to soft).
Selection: GLOWING PATH

3.20 BEGINNERS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,373: 2m) (14 runners)

1 10 SHEATH KEFAAH 82 (V,D,BF,F) (K Payne) J Jenkins 11-5 ... G Bradley 83
2 U AAVASAKSA 19 (Westonstoltiddowy Pipes) A Newcombe 10-12 ... A Thornton —
3 00 CHILLINGTON 33 (D Kirkland) W Brisbourne 10-12 ... C Llewellyn —
4 4 CIRCUS STAR 41 (BF) (The Ringmasters) D Nicholson 10-12 ... A Maguire ■
5 DARK AGE 58F (A Spence) R Akehurst 10-12 ... R Dunwoody —
6 0 IMPENDING DANGER 19 (Dalbogh Const Ltd) K Bridgwater 10-12 ... V Slattery —
7 INDUNA MKUBWA 77F (Indoria Racing Partners) C Wall 10-12 ... K Gaule (3) —
8 PALAMON 140F (A Fitzpatrick) J White 10-12 ... T J Murphy —
9 60 SEVEN CROWNS 41 (R Heidemann Ltd) C Popham 10-12 ... C Maude —
10 3 SOLDIER MAK 19 (I Lord) A Hide 10-12 ... P Hide 90
11 6 WORTH THE BILL 15 (J Watkins) F Jordan 10-12 ... S Wynne —
12 APARTMENTS ABROAD 38F (P Barclay) K McAuliffe 10-7 ... D Gallagher —
13 LOCH DANCER (C Drewe) Mrs N Macauley 10-7 ... P Niven —
14 RAW DEAL 210F (T Walker) G Barnett 10-7 ... R Massey (3) —

BETTING: 4-5 Circus Star, 4-1 Palamon, 5-1 Soldier Mak, 10-1 Dark Age, 12-1 Impending Danger, 15-1 others

1995: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

SHEATH KEFAAH beat Ben Bowden 3l in an 8-runner juvenile hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start.
CIRCUS STAR 4¾l 4th of 13 to Kerawi in a juvenile hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good) with SEVEN CROWNS tailed off in 7th. DARK AGE ex-French, beat Britany 1l in a minor event at Nancy (1m 3f, good) on penultimate Flat start. INDUNA MKUBWA 5l 2nd of 14 to Dauphin in a handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good) on penultimate Flat start with SOLDIER MAK (13lb worse off) 5¾l 4th. PALAMON beat Agdistis 6l in a 13-runner maiden auction at here (1m 2f, good to firm). SOLDIER MAK 4l 3rd of 16 to Fijon in a juvenile hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good)
Selection: CIRCUS STAR

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One Man target

ONE MAN, aiming to win the Pertemps King George VI Chase for the second time running, heads the entries for the £100,000-added feature at Kempton on Boxing Day, for which there were 16 acceptors yesterday. Two other previous winners, Algan and Barton Bank, are also entered.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Fontwell Park

Going: good, good to soft in places

12.40 (2m 2f 110yd hdle) 1. Serenus (J R Kavanagh, 3-1); 2. Academy House (4-5 fav); 3. Ben Bowden (8-1). 11 ran. 14l, 7l. N Henderson. Tote £3.90; £1.40, £1.10, £1.40. DF £2.40. Trio £2.50. CSF £5.45.

1.10 (2m 2f 110yd hdle) 1. Zesti (N Mann, 5-1); 2. Lanesra Breeze (33-1); 3. Water Hazard (7-1). Memory's Music 5-2 fav. 11 ran. NR: Fruit Town. 8l, 1½l. T Clement. Tote £4.50; £1.40, £12.40, £2.20. DF £70.20. Trio £209.80. CSF £114.15.

1.40 (2m 2f ch) 1. Duke Of Aprolon (P Hide, 5-2 fav); 2. Wise Maker (5-1); 3. Jacksons Bay (12-1). 10 ran. 16l, 4l. J Gifford. Tote £2.60; £1.10, £2.40, £2.70. DF £7.10. Trio £28.80. CSF £14.35. Tricast £112.66.

2.10 (2m 2f 110yd hdle) 1. Supreme Lady (J Osborne, 9-4 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2. Iron N Gold (7-2); 3. Smuggler's Point (10-1). 8 ran. 11l, 1l. Miss H Knight. Tote £2.60; £1.70, £1.10, £2.80. DF £4.40. CSF £9.89. Tricast £56.08.

2.40 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1. Mirador (D Walsh, 13-8 fav); 2. Daring King (10-1); 3. Pavlova (10-1). 8 ran. 8l, 3½l. R Curtis. Tote £1.90; £1.10, £2.30, £2.50. DF £18.30. CSF £17.02. Tricast £115.23.

3.10 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1. Flaked Oats (A P McCoy, 11-8 fav); 2. Parsifancy (13-2); 3. Grey Gorden (6-1). 8 ran. 4l, 14l. P Nicholls. Tote £1.90; £1.40, £1.20, £1.70. DF £7.00. CSF £9.70.

3.40 (2m 2f 110yd hdle) 1. Jalafi (D Gallagher, 11-4); 2. Siberian Henry (9-1); 3. Province (5-4 fav). 10 ran. 4l, 3½l. D Murray Smith. Tote £3.30; £1.20, £1.90, £1.40. DF £14.90. Trio £10.00. CSF £25.61.

Placepot: £120.30. Quadpot: £11.70.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good

12.20 (2m hdle) 1. Priddy Fair (R Guest, 16-1); 2. Fro (9-2); 3. Topaglow (7-2). Tarry 5-2 fav. 10 ran. NR: Just Rory. 1½l, 4l. D Barker. Tote £111.90; £4.70, £2.40, £1.80. DF £193.50. Trio: not won (pool of £69.95 carried forward to 1.20 at Leicester today). CSF £90.64.

12.50 (2m hdle) 1. Ruslan Rascal (R Garritty, 6-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2. Eric's Bett (20-1); 3. Nor Esprit (12-1). 11 ran. 3l, 9l. T Easterby. Tote £2.30; £1.20, £4.40, £3.40. DF: £28.40. Trio £137.30. CSF £30.17.

1.20 (2m 3f hdle) 1. Tip It In (N Horrocks, 5-1); 2. Raitsa (11-4); 3. Sudden Spin (7-1). Superdop 9-4 fav. 11 ran. ½l, 1l. A Smith. Tote £7.60; £2.50, £1.80, £3.50. DF: £12.00. Trio: £39.60. CSF: £19.94. Tricast £92.77.

1.50 (2m ch) 1. Reve De Valse (K Johnson, 7-1); 2. Uncle Bert (9-2); 3. Full O'Praise (3-1 fav). 7 ran. NR: Master Salesman. 7l, 12l. R Johnson. Tote: £9.40; £3.30, £1.90. DF: £12.10. CSF £35.08. Tricast £103.75.

2.20 (2m hdle) 1. Flyaway Blues (P Niven, 3-1 fav); 2. Chummy's Saga (10-1); 3. Little Redwing (12-1); 4. Aide Memoire (20-1). 22 ran. NR: Paint Your Wagon. Nk, 7l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote £4.20; £2.30, £2.90, £2.60, £3.20. DF: £37.90. Trio: £111.80. CSF £36.31. Tricast £327.10.

2.50 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1. Kenmore-Speed (Richard Guest, 6-4 fav); 2. Gate Ahead (8-1); 3. Off The Bru (9-1). 10 ran. NR: Island Chief. 2l, 11l. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £1.70, £3.00. DF: £13.50. Trio £46.20. CSF £13.58. Tricast £76.33.

3.20 (2m 3f hdle) 1. Lagen Bridge (D J Moffatt, 25-1); 2. B The One (7-4 fav); 3. Faithful Hand (9-4). 12 ran. 1l, 24l. D Moffatt. Tote £12.30; £2.90, £2.40, £1.00. DF £15.80. Trio £21.30. CSF £73.42.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £16,875.16 carried forward to Leicester today).

Placepot: £384.30. Quadpot: £17.50.

Southwell

Going: good

1.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1. Lance Armstrong (A Maguire, 4-6 fav); 2. Dry Hill Lad (12-1); 3. Red Tel (4-1). 9 ran. 5l, 1l. G McCourt. Tote £1.60; £1.10, £2.60, £1.10. DF £6.60. Trio £19.10. CSF £10.49.

1.30 (2m ch) 1. Sublime Fellow (M A Fitzgerald, 9-4 jt-fav); 2. Formal Invitation (9-4 jt-fav); 3. Lobster Cottage (9-2). 9 ran. 8l, 23l. N Henderson. Tote £3.60; £3.80, £1.00. £3.10. DF £6.90. Trio £16.60. CSF £8.27.

2.00 (2m hdle) 1. Stay With Me (Mr R Thornton, 5-2); 2. Shifting Moon (14-1); 3. Peter Monamy (7-2). King Athelstan 2-1 fav. 6 ran. 10l, 4l. C Egerton. Tote £3.20; £1.60, £4.80. DF £14.60. CSF £27.86.

2.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1. Ocean Leader (A Maguire, 7-4 fav); 2. Record Lover (16-1); 3. Lucky Dollar (3-1). 8 ran. NR: Sweet Buck. 3l, ½l. Mrs D Haine. Tote £2.90; £2.20, £2.00, £1.00. DF £14.80. Trio £16.30. CSF £27.18. Tricast £77.82.

3.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1. Netherby Said (A S Smith, 7-2); 2. Copper Cable (25-1); 3. Houghton (12-1). Zambezi Spirit Evens fav. 5 ran. Dist, 3½l. Miss M Milligan. Tote £5.40; £4.40, £6.80. DF £30.70. CSF: £44.08.

3.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1. Fawley Flyer (J Power, 7-2); 2. Desert Force (7-4 fav); 3. We're in The Money (33-1). 9 ran. 1l, dist. W G M Turner. Tote £4.60; £1.30, £1.40, £11.50. DF £2.20. Trio £79.90. CSF £9.71. Tricast £153.36.

Placepot: £76.50. Quadpot: £53.20.

SPECIALISTS

WINDSOR: Trainers: C Brooks, 6 winners from 18 runners, 33.3%; P Hedger, 6 from 24, 25.0%; D Gandolfo, 4 from 16, 25.0%; R Akehurst, 5 from 23, 21.7%; K Bailey, 11 from 53, 20.8%; A Turnell, 6 from 29, 20.7%. Jockeys: A P McCoy, 4 winners from 15 rides, 26.7%; N Williamson, 10 from 59, 16.9%; M A Fitzgerald, 7 from 43, 16.3%; M Richards, 10 from 71, 14.1%; P Holley, 4 from 29, 13.8%; only qualifiers.

LINGFIELD PARK: Trainers: G Wragg, 13 winners from 44 runners, 29.5%; Lord Huntingdon, 50 from 234, 21.4%; J Eyre, 11 from 53, 20.8%; P Harris, 16 from 82, 19.5%. Jockeys: R Lappin, 7 from 40, 17.5%; A Culhane, 5 from 29, 17.2%; Miss Diana Jones, 5 from 29, 17.2%; M Roberts, 22 from 131, 16.8%; D Holland, 24 from 151, 15.9%; Miss J Feilden, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

12.30 Fairy Knight. 1.00 Pedaltothemetal. 1.30 Flow. 2.00 Proton. 2.30 Zeredar. 3.00 Coolree. 3.30 Relative Chance.

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES SIS

12.30 SPITAL NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £2,075: 2m) (15 runners)

1 -312 SALLEP 15 (S) P Hodges 4-11-5 ... T Dascombe (3) 82
2 5-0 CRUSTYGUN 166 D O'Neill 6-10-12 ... G Hogan (3) —
3 0-2 DANEGOLD 19 M Channon 4-10-12 ... R Hughes ■
4 0 FAIRY KNIGHT 5 R Hannon 4-10-12 ... N Williamson 85
5 3 HAZAAF 19 A Smith 7-10-12 ... F Jousset 81
6 JOVIE KING 20F K McAuliffe 4-10-12 ... B Powell —
7 MANSUR 45F N Henderson 4-10-12 ... M A Fitzgerald —
8 0 MR HEMP 15 A Foster 4-10-12 ... Derek Byrne 64
9 3-PP MURPHY'S RUN 18 (B) P Eccles 6-10-12 Mr R Thornton (5) —
10 MUSIC PLEASE 750F K Bailey 4-10-12 ... C O'Dwyer —
11 NIGHT CITY 44F Lady Herries 5-10-12 ... J Osborne —
12 P NIGHT FLARE 12 S Woodman 4-10-12 ... M Richards —
13 3-96 SECOND STEP 17 (BF) D Gandolfo 5-10-12 ... D Fortt (3) 77
14 0- ILANDRA 23F R Akehurst 4-10-7 ... A P McCoy —
15 6/5 NOT TO PANIC 31 K Burke 6-10-7 ... A Larnach —

11-4 Night City, 4-1 Mansur, 6-1 Sallep, Hazaaf, 7-1 Danegold, 10-1 Fairy Knight, 14-1 Second Step, 16-1 others.

1.00 PALEY STREET MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,747: 2m) (7)

1 51-5 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 29 (D,F,S) M Pipe 6-12-0 A P McCoy 95
2 05-1 HENRIETTA HOWARD 19 (D,F,G,S) Mrs D Haine 6-11-9 ... G Hogan (3) 98
3 2-12 DARK NIGHTINGALE 30 (D,F,G) O Sherwood 6-11-0 J Osborne 98
4 0312 SEVERN GALE 21 (D,G,S) J Allen 6-10-6 ... X Aizpuru (7) 96
5 12-P DAILY SPORT GIRL 6 (D,F,G,S) B Llewellyn 7-10-6 ... Miss E J Jones (7) 97
6 432- PEDALTOTHEMETAL 134F P Mitchell 4-10-4 ... G Tormey (3) ■
7 0/ COSMIC STAR 1029 P Wolworth 6-10-0 ... B Fenton —

2-1 Henrietta Howard, 5-2 Dark Nightingale, 9-2 Severn Gale, 5-1 Seasonal Splendour, 8-1 Pedaltothemetal, 12-1 Daily Sport Girl, 66-1 Cosmic Star

1.30 WOODSIDE NOVICES CHASE (£3,105: 3m) (11)

1 F5-1 HIGHLAND JACK 14 (B,G) A Turnell 6-11-5 ... N Williamson 84
2 20-1 FLOW 16 (S) R Buckler 7-11-0 ... B Powell ■
3 01-P BALLYEDWARD 22 (F) R Buckler 6-10-12 ... P Holley —
4 /2-5 DUKES MEADOW 17 (B,S) K Bailey 6-10-12 ... C O'Dwyer —
5 061- GENERAL SALUTE 239 (F) G Balding 6-10-12 ... A P McCoy —
6 P-PP LORD ANTRIM 89 R Stronge 7-10-12 ... D Walsh (3) —
7 1P5- SECRET BID 377 (F) R Alner 6-10-12 ... P Henley (3) —
8 110- SHERIFFMUIR 236 (S) Mrs L Wadham 7-10-12 G Hogan (3) —
9 P/3 THE HERBIVORE 19 M Roberts 7-10-12 ... J Railton 67
10 GARETHSON Miss H Knight 5-10-11 ... D Bridgwater —
11 PP- KINGSMILL QUAY 267 Miss J du Plessis 7-10-7 ... B Fenton —

5-2 Flow, 3-1 Highland Jack, 4-1 General Salute, 6-1 Dukes Meadow, 8-1 Garethson, 10-1 Sheriffmuir, 12-1 others.

2.00 SPITAL NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: £2,058: 2m) (14)

1 P1-4 I'M A DREAMER 168 (D,F) Mrs M Rowland 6-11-5 Gary Lyons ■
2 05-2 BATTLESHIP BRUCE 19 (BF) T Casey 4-10-12 D Bridgwater 88
3 FP BRAYDON FOREST 19 C Drewe 4-10-12 ... J Railton —
4 FP- CALLONESCY 16F D O'Brien 4-10-12 ... D Walsh (3) —
5 DESERT GREEN 40F R Hannon 7-10-12 ... N Williamson —
6 0PP- ILSLEY STAR 226 R Stronge 6-10-12 ... Mr J Rees —
7 IO CHI SAGA 67F M Madgwick 4-10-12 ... D Morris —
8 F-PF MASTER GOODENOUGH 5 A Foster 5-10-12 ... D Creech (7) —
9 44 OTTAVIO FARNESE 19 A Hide 4-10-12 ... L Aspell (3) 86
10 PROTON 40F R Akehurst 6-10-12 ... A P McCoy —
11 03S- REVERSE THRUST 224 P Hedger 5-10-12 ... M Clinton (7) —
12 0.0 SEMINOLE WIND 19 C Barwell 5-10-12 ... B Fenton —
13 0 ZADOK 44 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-12 ... P Henley (3) —
14 ZAJKO 54F Lady Herries 6-10-12 ... M A Fitzgerald —

5-2 Desert Green, 7-2 Battleship Bruce, 5-1 I'm A Dreamer, 7-1 Proton, 8-1 Zajko, 10-1 Ottavio Farnese, 12-1 others.

2.30 WRAYSBURY HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,592: 2m) (4)

1 35-4 KING CREDO 26 (V,D,F,G,S) S Woodman 11-12-0 J Osborne 93
2 4436 WHO'S TO SAY 19 (V,D,F,G,S) Miss V Williams 10-11-10 ... N Williamson 95
3 -1P1 ZEREDAR 8 (B,CD,G) K Bailey 6-11-2 (7ex) ... C O'Dwyer 92
4 1F-2 DEAR DO 18 (CD,F,G,S) N Henderson 9-10-13 M A Fitzgerald ■

Evens Zeredar, 5-2 Dear Do, 4-1 King Credo, 7-1 Who's To Say

3.00 DORNEY HANDICAP CHASE
(Amateurs: £3,059: 2m 5f) (7)

1 4-12 COOLREE 20 (BF,F,G,S) P Nicholls 8-12-7 ... J Tizzard (7) 91
2 03-3 ACT OF PARLIAMENT 19 (B,BF,F,G) K Bailey 8-12-0 ... R Wakley (7) ■
3 /12 MERRY PANTO 22 (BF,F,G) C Brooks 7-11-11 ... E James (7) 95
4 3233 REX TO THE RESCUE 16 (F,G) R Alner 6-11-9 R Thornton (5) 98
5 26/ CALL ME EARLY 764 (F,G) R Stronge 11-11-1 ... J Rees (7) —
6 -PPP WHIPPERS DELIGHT 17 (D,G,S) G Charles-Jones 8-10-12 ... A Charles-Jones (7) 98
7 2-31 WILKINS 36 (F,G) R O'Sullivan 7-10-7 ... P O'Keeffe (7) 89

5-2 Coolree, 3-1 Act Of Parliament, 7-2 Merry Panto, 5-1 Rex To The Rescue, Wilkins, 16-1 Call Me Early, 33-1 Whippers Delight.

3.30 PANGBOURNE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,101: 2m 4f) (13)

1 0-64 DAHLIA'S BEST 21 (G) Miss M Rowland 6-11-10 Gary Lyons 91
2 213- CAMBO 192 (CD,F,G,S) M Banks 10-11-10 ... D Bridgwater 90
3 F/5 SUPER RITCHART 17 (G,S) B Palling 8-11-5 ... R Farrant —
4 -221 LETS BE FRANK 15 (S) N Chance 5-11-5 ... M A Fitzgerald 94
5 0F-3 AUGUST TWELFTH 8 (D,S) D O'Brien 8-11-2 ... D Walsh (3) 90
6 45-2 RACHAEL'S OWEN 31 (F,G) C Weedon 6-10-13 M Richards 87
7 0-21 DONTDRESSFORDINNER 8 (C,F,G) R Hodges 6-10-12 ... T Dascombe (3) ■
8 P0-5 PRIZE MATCH 82 (S) J Tuck 7-10-9 ... R Bellamy 90
9 6/ PYRRHIC DANCE 920 (F,G) M Haynes 6-10-8 ... D Skyrme —
10 04-2 RELATIVE CHANCE 43 J King 7-10-6 ... N Williamson 92
11 00-5 DURSHAN 44 (CD,G) J Jenkins 7-10-5 ... J Osborne 90
12 4-5P POLICEMANS PRIDE 30 M Madgwick 7-10-4 ... B Fenton 85
13 0040 WILL JAMES 19 (B,C,F,G) C Drewe 10-10-0 Guy Lewis (3) 85

7-2 Dontdressfordinner, 5-1 Cambo, 6-1 Dahlia's Best, August Twelfth, 7-1 Lets Be Frank, 8-1 Relative Chance, 10-1 Rachael's Owen, 12-1 others

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

12.10 Tatika. 12.40 Invocation. 1.10 Featherstone Lane. 1.40 Matthias Mystique. 2.10 Blue Flyer. 2.40 Share Delight. 3.10 Miss Pickpocket. 3.40 Sweet Supposin.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.10 ROBROT JERSEY CONDITIONS STAKES
(Div I: £3,063: 1m) (10 runners)

1 5053 BARBASON 23 (C,G) A Moore 4-9-3 ... Candy Morris 6
2 2203 BENTICO 19 (V,D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-8-12 C Teague (3) 10
3 0000 DOUBLE BLUE 9 (BF,F,G,S) M Johnston 7-8-12 D McKeown 8
4 0000 SARUM 9 (CD,F,G) J Long 10-8-12 ... Leesa Long 9
5 0105 TATIKA 42 (D,F,G) G Wragg 6-8-12 ... G Milligan (7) 4
6 3000 HENRY THE FIFTH 27 (B,D,S) C Brittain 3-8-11 ... M Roberts 5
7 KATATONIC J Toller 3-8-11 ... S Sanders 1
8 540- DOWDENCY 362 (G) R Weaver 4-8-7 ... A Daly (5) 2
9 4 PERANG POLLY 41 Lord Huntingdon 4-8-7 ... D Holland 3
10 NAPHTALI J Arnold 3-8-6 ... C Rutter 7

5-2 Tatika, 7-2 Double Blue, 9-2 Bentico, 5-1 Henry The Fifth, 8-1 others

12.40 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HANDICAP (Div I: £2,238: 6f) (13)

1 4355 INVOCATION 16 (CD,F,G) A Moore 9-10-0 ... Dane O'Neill 5
2 5000 NEVER THINK TWICE 9 (B,D,F) K Ivory 3-9-6 ... N Adams 7
3 0000 SIHAFI 16 J Carr 3-9-4 ... A Clark 9
4 4030 DAISY BATES 17 P Harris 3-9-3 ... A McGlone 10
5 0000 DESERT SKIMMER 89 M Bell 3-8-12 ... G Faulkner (5) 6
6 0000 BELBAY STAR 41 J Eyre 3-8-10 ... R Lappin 2
7 0056 KIROV PROTEGE 16 (G) Mrs L Jewell 4-8-8 Darren Williams (7) 6
8 4/0 RIVER SEINE 24 S Knight 4-8-8 ... S Sanders 12
9 0000 DISTANT DYNASTY 21 (B,CD,G,S) B Pearce 6-8-7 A Daly (5) 3
10 1200 CARNIVAL OF LIGHT 42 (D) J Moore 4-8-3 ... D McKeown 11
11 0463 MISS ARAGON 10 (D,BF,F,G) Miss L Siddall 8-7-13 ... D R McCabe 13
12 0000 LOGIE PERT LAD 9 J Bridger 4-7-12 ... F Norton 1
13 0460 SUPREME ILLUSION 173 (B) John Berry 3-7-12 N Varley (3) 4

9-2 Invocation, 5-1 Miss Aragon, 6-1 Desert Skimmer, 7-1 Belbay Star, 8-1 Never Think Twice, Kirov Protege, 10-1 others

1.10 EQUITABLE HOLDINGS PLC HANDICAP
(£2,914: 5f) (10)

1 030 WILL DO 52 M Meade 3-10-0 ... D Sweeney (7) 1
2 0510 KALAR 13 (B,CD,F,G) D Chapman 7-9-12 ... A Culhane 3
3 3001 CHEMCAST 20 (CD,F,G) J Eyre 3-9-12 ... R Lappin 5
4 1223 ANOTHER BATCHWORTH 20 (B,D,F,G) E Wheeler 4-9-12 ... A Daly (5) 10
5 4321 NAPIER STAR 5 (V,D,G) Mrs N Macauley 9-9-11 C Teague (3) 8
6 0001 SCISSOR RIDGE 9 (C,D,F,G) J Bridger 4-9-11 (7ex) S Sanders 4
7 6034 FEATHERSTONE LANE 20 (V,D,F,G) Miss L Siddall 5-9-8 ... D McCabe 6
8 1600 LA BELLE DOMINIQUE 5 (D,F) S Knight 4-8-12 ... S Drowne 7
9 0000 WINDRUSH BOY 13 (D,F,G) J Bosley 6-8-8 ... C Rutter 2
10 0000 GRACIOUS GRETCLO 5 P Evans 3-8-8 ... G Carter 9

3-1 Chemcast, 7-2 Napier Star, 5-1 Scissor Ridge, 7-1 Kalar, Another Batchworth, Featherstone Lane, 10-1 others

1.40 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS LIMITED STAKES (£2,612: 2m) (12)

1 0205 LABUDD 127 (C,G) R Ingram 6-9-3 ... A McGlone 12
2 0000 MULL HOUSE 23 (V,D,F,G) G Enright 9-9-3 ... N Adams 9
3 000- PEATSVILLE 18J M Channon 4-9-3 ... P P Murphy (5) 11
4 5666 SUPREME STAR 7J (B,BF,F,G) P Hedger 5-9-3 Dane O'Neill 10
5 5421 SHARP COMMAND 19 (G) P Eccles 3-8-11 ... D Holland 8
6 000 BIGWIG 21 A Moore 3-8-9 ... A Clark 6
7 6320 ELA AGAPI MOU 62 A Moore 3-8-9 ... Candy Morris 4
8 0046 SAM ROCKETT 12J (B) P Mooney 3-8-9 ... G Faulkner (5) 1
9 0350 SUITOR 8 S Dow 3-8-9 ... A Daly (5) 3
10 -055 BELLAPHENTO 20 J Ringer 3-8-6 ... S Whitworth 2
11 2623 MATTHIAS MYSTIQUE 23 Miss B Sanders 3-8-6 ... S Sanders 5
12 0202 MISS PRISM 10 J Dunlop 3-8-6 ... T Sprake 7

3-1 Miss Prism, 4-1 Matthias Mystique, 5-1 Supreme Star, 6-1 Sharp Command, 8-1 Labudd, 10-1 Ela Agapi Mou, 12-1 others.

2.10 ROBROT JERSEY CONDITIONS STAKES
(Div II: £3,046: 1m) (9)

1 5300 BLUE FLYER 28 (CD,F,G) R Ingram 3-9-7 ... A McGlone 9
2 00-2 BAROSSA VALLEY 20 (G) P Butler 5-8-12 ... S Drowne 7
3 5026 GREATEST 9 (C,D,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 5-8-12 Dane O'Neill 1
4 0503 KOMODO 23 J Long 4-8-12 ... T Field (7) 4
5 0036 MR ROUGH 14J (D,F) D Morris 5-8-12 ... G Faulkner (5) 8
6 5002 NIGHT WINK 16 (D,F,G) G L Moore 4-8-12 ... S Whitworth 6
7 5000 COOL FIRE 16 (CD,G) S Woods 3-8-11 ... C Webb (7) 5
8 06 PEETSIE 192 N Twiston-Davies 4-8-7 ... F Lynch (3) 2
9 5600 QUEEN OF ALL BIRDS 61 (CD,G,S) R Boss 5-8-7 A Daly (5) 3

5-2 Night Wink, 5-1 Blue Flyer, 6-1 Barossa Valley, Queen Of All Birds, 7-1 others.

2.40 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,319: 6f) (12)

1 CHURCHILL'S SHADOW B Pearce 9-0 ... D R McCabe 11
2 0050 EWAR ARRANGEMENT 27 C Brittain 9-0 ... M Roberts 1
3 6 FORMIDABLE SPIRIT 111 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 ... A Clark 10
4 34 INCATIME 113 (BF) C James 9-0 ... C Rutter 6
5 MASTER BOBBY R Boss 9-0 ... G Faulkner (5) 4
6 06 SHARE DELIGHT 27 B Hills 9-0 ... J D Smith (3) 2
7 562 URSA MAJOR 35 P Kelleway 9-0 ... M Wigham 12
8 00 AQUATIC QUEEN 37 R Weaver 8-9 ... A Daly (5) 9
9 0520 EKATERINI PARITSI 13 (V) W Turner 8-9 ... T Sprake 8
10 64 FORGOTTEN TIMES 52 T Jones 8-9 ... N Carlisle 7
11 0 SHE'S ELECTRIC 21 J Bridger 8-9 ... S Sanders 3
12 00 TREVOR MITCHELL 23 J Bridger 8-9 ... Dane O'Neill 5

7-4 Ursa Major, 3-1 Share Delight, Incatime, 8-1 Forgotten Times, 12-1 others

3.10 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HANDICAP (Div II: £2,238: 6f) (13)

1 0060 DANCING JACK 153 (C,G) J Bridger 3-9-11 ... Dane O'Neill 3
2 2500 BE SATISFIED 23 A Moore 3-9-4 ... A Clark 4
3 0006 SAMSOLOM 20 (CD,F,G) P Howling 8-9-4 ... D McKeown 9
4 0000 COLSTON-C 38 (D,F) P Evans 4-9-2 ... A Culhane 6
5 -000 RAINY DAY SONG 16 Lord Huntingdon 3-9-1 ... D Holland 11
6 0504 MYSTERY MATTHIAS 21 (V) Miss B Sanders 3-8-12 ... Jo Hunnam (7) 8
7 -000 PRESS AGAIN 69 P Hayward 4-8-12 ... C Rutter 5
8 6000 DARK MENACE 21 (B,D,F) E Wheeler 4-8-11 ... A Daly (5) 7
9 2500 MISS PICKPOCKET 24 (C,G) Miss G Kelleway 3-8-10 M Wigham 10
10 0500 HALBERT 10 (V,F) P Burgoyne 7-8-8 ... D R McCabe 2
11 4004 TACHYCARDIA 20 (D,F,G) R O'Sullivan 4-8-8 ... S Sanders 13
12 3000 SHERWOOD 58 K Ivory 3-8-1 ... N Adams 1
13 0066 SOUTHERN RULE 10 (B,D,F,G) Miss M Rowland 9-8-0 ... N Carlisle 12

5-1 Miss Pickpocket, 6-1 Tachycardia, Mystery Matthias, 7-1 Dancing Jack, Southern Rule, 8-1 Dark Menace, Samsolom, 10-1 Press Again, 12-1 others

3.40 THIRTY NINE STEPS HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £2,222: 1m 4f) (9)

1 0056 FILIAL 16 (F) B Meehan 3-11-7 ... Miss J Allison 9
2 0624 EXPLOSIVE POWER 19 (CD,G) G Bravery 5-11-5 ... Miss A L Hutchinson (7) 5
3 0350 NO PATTERN 19J (V,C,F,G) G L Moore 4-11-1 ... K Goble 8
4 0645 SWEET SUPPOSIN 9 (V,CD,G) C Dwyer 5-10-12 ... Mrs S Dwyer (7) 4
5 1440 GENERAL HAVEN 45 (C,G) T Naughton 3-10-10 ... Mrs J Naughton (4) 3
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City run put on hold as Bruce's weakness is spotted

By Russell Kempson

STEVE BRUCE, the former Manchester United captain, has done much to steady the listing Birmingham City ship since he moved to St Andrew's during the summer. However, it was for his goalstopping rather than his goalscoring ability that Trevor Francis, the City manager, signed him — a point well illustrated on Tuesday night.

With Birmingham and Barnsley locked at 0-0 in the second half of their Nationwide League first division match, Bruce was given the task of taking a penalty after Steve Davis had brought down Jason Bowen. Though his aim was true, Dave Watson, the highly-rated Barnsley goalkeeper, pulled off a fine save.

"Steve's only our fourth-choice penalty-taker so I suppose I've got to excuse him," Francis said. Steve Sutton, the stand-in City goalkeeper, made an acrobatic stop at the other end to block Paul Wilkinson's late header and protect Birmingham's point.

Danny Wilson, the Barnsley manager, said: "I was happy with a draw against a team having such a good run at present. Watson's penalty save was magnificent."

Sheffield United leapfrogged Barnsley into second place and kept up the pressure on Bolton Wanderers, the first division leaders, by beating Huddersfield Town 3-1. Huddersfield drew first blood in the fourteenth minute, when Andy Payton scored his ninth goal of the season, but United replied with efforts from Lee Sandford and Mark Patterson. David White settled it shortly after half-time.

Tranmere Rovers looked anything but promotion candidates as they surrendered 2-0 to struggling Reading at Elm Park. Reading took the lead after ten minutes when James Lambert flicked a neat header past Eric Nixon. They went further ahead after 33 minutes when Stuart Lovell's firm header was helped over the line by Trevor Morley.

"We made changes that probably surprised a few people, perhaps because we left out some skilful players," Jimmy Quinn, Reading's joint player-manager, said. "But we knew that the lads we brought in would work hard *and run all night long.*"

Wycombe Wanderers produced the most surprising result in the second division when they won 1-0 against Millwall, the leaders, at Adams Park. Micky Bell's 77th-minute goal was enough to lift Wycombe off the bottom of the table and remove Millwall from the top.

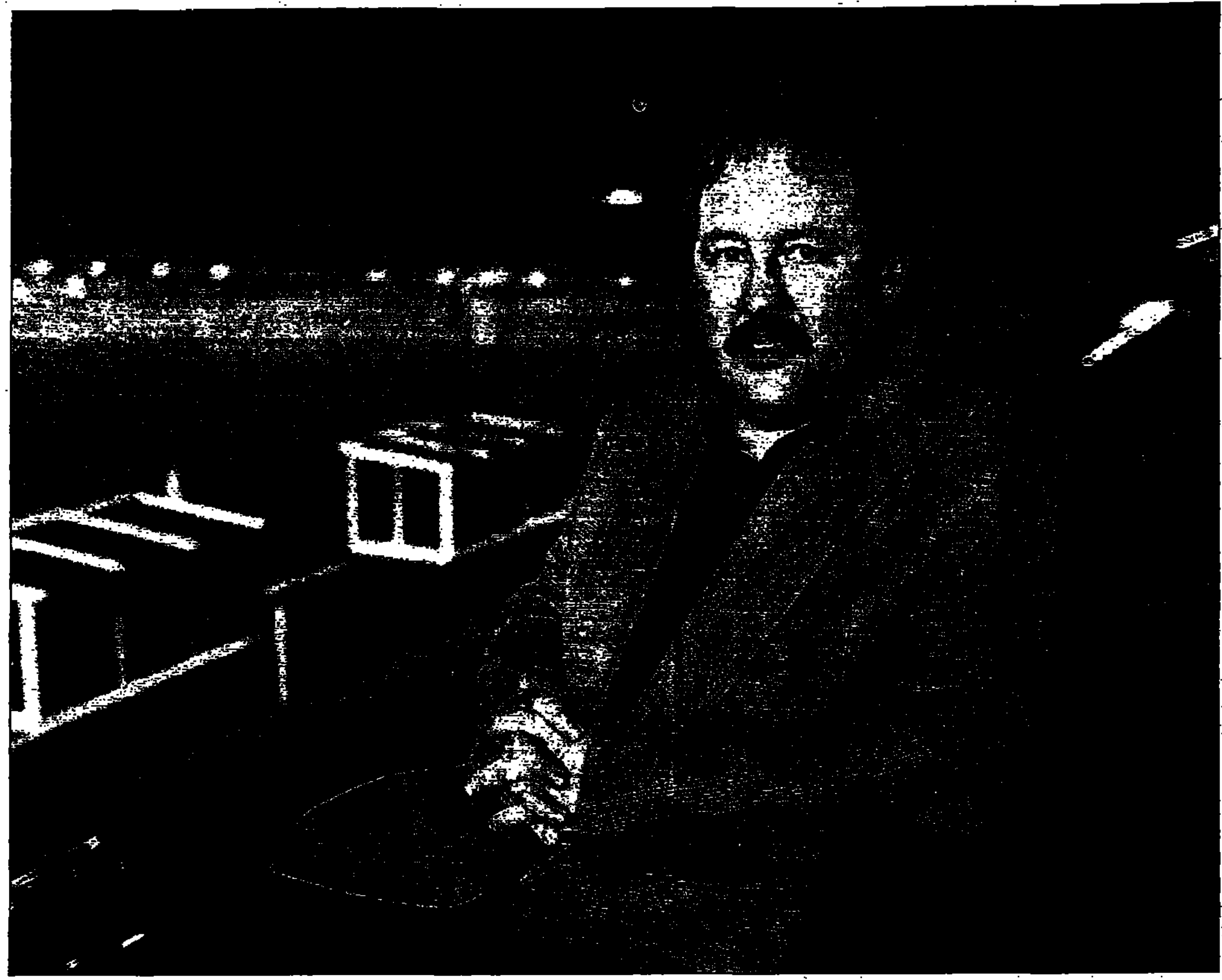
Brentford took over at the head of affairs after a 2-0 win against Notts County, stretching their unbeaten league run at Griffin Park to 11 matches. Goals either side of half-time from Marcus Bent and Carl Asaba condemned County to their seventh away defeat this season.

Fulham's lead at the top of the third division was cut to six points after they were held to a 1-1 draw by Chester at the Deva Stadium. Chester had Chris Priest dismissed in the 63rd minute for a second bookable offence and he was followed three minutes later by Simon Morgan, of Fulham, for foul and abusive language. Chester went ahead through Shaun Reid and Darren Freeman equalised.

FOOTBALL: HEDNESFORD TOWN FORCED TO SACRIFICE SPANISH BREAK AS PRICE OF CUP PROGRESS

Day in Blackpool beats week in the sun

Richard Hobson finds The Pit Men's holiday plans have come a poor second to the pursuit of a greater ambition



As manager, vice-chairman and co-owner of Hednesford Town, Baldwin has led the club to new heights. Photograph: Paul Rogers

It is an unlikely measure of the progress made by Hednesford Town that, instead of flying to Spain this weekend, they will embark on a coach trip to Blackpool.

In each of the past two seasons, the Vauxhall Conference side has spent the first weekend of December in Torremolinos, enjoying four days of sun, sand and high life by the side of a friendly game against a local team, Juvento. They were due to take on the Spaniards again this Saturday before something happened to prompt a change of plan. For the first time in their 116-year history, Hednesford reached the second round of the FA Cup.

Thus, a club whose longevity suggests that it should have come this far long ago visits one whose triumph in the 1953 final is the most famous of all Wembley successes, save for the World Cup 30 years ago. The walls of the Bloomfield Road ground are decorated with pictures of Matthews, Mortensen and their Blackpool colleagues, but so often in football the past serves only to stifle the present.

Such a feeling is not prevalent at Hednesford, however. Seven years ago, John Baldwin took over as manager with the side struggling against relegation from the Midlands section of the Beazer Homes League. Since then, he has blown away the cobwebs, literally and metaphorically.

He is now also the vice-chairman and co-owner of the club and saw them reach third place in their first season in the Vauxhall Conference in 1995-96. If Max Griggs is the Jack Walker of non-League football, having invested £17 million in Rushden and Diamonds, then Baldwin, an accountant by day, is the Barry Fry.

"Everything about the place had that dusty feel to it," Baldwin remembers. "It was old and almost derelict and we were coming to the end of the lease on the ground.

"I got more and more involved in finding a new site but we needed more money, so I had some long chats with a client of mine, Steve Price, and between us we agreed to take over the club."

Between them, they have invested around £1.5 million, and Baldwin, who played for the club through the 70s and early 80s, admits that his world has changed. "I guess I work 40 hours at the office and do another 40 on club business every week," he says.

"There are three things in my life: my family, my work and Hednesford Town. Unfortunately, I have listed them in reverse order."

The pit cottages that remain standing in Hednesford are a reminder of the way the community here evolved alongside the mining industry. In the old days, miners would walk down the hill from the colliery at the end of their Saturday shift towards the Cross Keys ground to watch or even to play.

Now, there is just a single open-cast mine remaining in the area and an increasingly white-collar workforce commutes to Cannock, Wolverhampton or Stafford near by. However, Baldwin has pledged that the nickname of "The Pit Men" will always remain.

Two seasons ago, they moved a few hundred yards to the 3,500-capacity Keys Park in the nick of time to be allowed into the Conference, having finished top of the Beazer Homes League premier division the year before. Outside Hednesford, there were few tears wept for an old pitch that was bereft of grass and, in defiance of geometric principles, appeared to slope both ways.

"Most sides could not find Hednesford anyway so they were in a foul mood when they finally arrived, even before they saw the state of the ground," Joe O'Connor, the side's leading striker, recalls. "It really was in a terrible state by the end, but that made it worth a goal start to us."

O'Connor has scored more than 200 times for Hednesford and has a testimonial game against West Brom next year. At 29, he acknowledges that his chance of a League career has gone, but in this side he loses nothing by comparison with the three ex-pros, Bernard McNally (Shrewsbury Town and West Brom), Scott Cooksey (Peterborough United) and Tony Hemmings (Wycombe Wanderers).

The entire squad has become used to Baldwin's chopping and changing. Competition is the key to a strong side, the manager believes. "When I open the dressing-room door, I want them to think a new player is going to walk in, another rival for their place," he says, lending further credence to the comparison with Fry.

Having beaten Southport in the first round, victory on Saturday ought to ensure a sizeable reward, particularly as the players have been forced to forsake the Mediterranean. Sadly not. "They will get their reward all right," Baldwin said, "training, Tuesday night."

Switched stones pay dividends for Martin

SCOTLAND'S women were stopped in their tracks by the Czech Republic at the European curling championships in Copenhagen yesterday — but only briefly. Playing the final round in the group series, Scotland were surprised to lose three shots at the third end and another at the fourth as Rhona Martin lost her touch.

Two of the stones — those that Martin was using — were discovered to be "rogues", refusing to slide to form. Switching stones with Gail McMillan, playing at the less critical No 3 slot, set Martin back on target and Scotland duly won 13-6.

Blooded medic

Rugby union: Andy Lucking, an Edinburgh University medical student from Sheffield, who plays at lock for Currie, has been named in the Scotland Under-21 side to face their Italian counterparts at Inverleith, in Edinburgh, on Friday week, despite not having a drop of Scottish blood in him. "Andy is not eligible to play for Scotland A at the moment as he does not meet the three-year residency requirement," Harvey Wright, the Scotland Under-21 manager, said, "but he could qualify in just a few months."

Bowled out

Bowls: Women have not been invited to play in the world indoor singles, beginning at Preston on January 20, after the failure of Margaret Johnston, Joyce Lindores and Jan Woodley to win even one match in the previous two championships.

Scots on top

Golf: Scotland became the European team champions yesterday, rounds of four under par by Craig Ronald and two under by John Chillas giving them a seven-stroke margin of victory over Spain.

Numbers up

Rugby league: The Rugby League Council has agreed to increase clubs' overseas quota from five to six foreign players from next season.

Keegan frustrated by erratic Asprilla

By David Maddock

WHEN Faustino Asprilla reflects on his Uefa Cup contribution for Newcastle United this morning, it may be with more than a hint of mixed emotion. Asprilla cannot stop scoring for his club in Europe, he cannot start in domestic competition.

It was a theme that Kevin Keegan, his manager, ominously chose to dwell on after the Colombian had scored twice in the 2-0 victory over Metz on Tuesday evening. The goals took his tally to five in the competition this season, to add to some important assists. Keegan's tone was downbeat, a surprise, given Asprilla's match-winning performance.

Closer examination suggests that Asprilla's position at St James' Park is far from secure. Rashly, he picked up a booking for an over-elaborate celebration after his first goal, a second caution in the competition which will prevent him from playing in the first leg of the quarter-final.

Perhaps even more rashly, he attempted an extravagant party-piece towards the end of the game which resulted in a hamstring injury. The prognosis is not good — an absence of four to six weeks is anticipated.

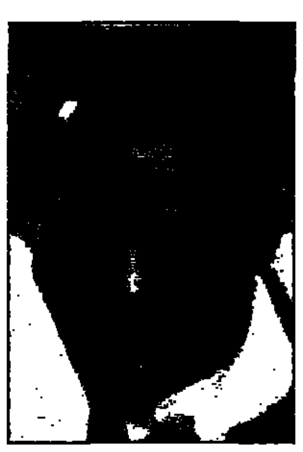
Such inactivity will do his long-term prospects of remaining with Newcastle little good, especially given that, by the time he is fit and suspension-free, Les Ferdinand should have made a full recovery from injury.

There is no obvious place in the side for Asprilla when Shearer and Ferdinand operate in tandem. His position becomes even more tenuous when Keegan's post-match comments are considered.

When asked to admire Asprilla's goals, Keegan shrugged and said: "It is all very well Tino getting occasional spectacular goals like that on the big occasions, but he has got to start thinkng about delivering more consistently, week in, week out. He has to start to show form for us, and start fitting in, in the League."

Asprilla has failed to do so, in some style. In ten domestic appearances this season, and three more as a substitute, he has failed to find the net even once. His contribution has been as anonymous as his goals tally, and that clearly has frustrated Keegan. "We want him to be involved more, not just waiting for special goals," he said.

Asprilla would even have been substituted on Tuesday long before he scored, had not David Ginola picked up a hamstring injury and limped off. Therefore, when he does get back, some time in the new year, there may well be no place in the side for him.



Asprilla: suspension

Ginola, too, may be beginning to test the patience of his manager. Keegan complained that his side "couldn't even pass water" on Tuesday evening, and the accusing finger was pointed at Ginola. He had one of his insipid nights at wing back, neither one thing or another, totally ineffectual before injury claimed him.

Clearly, Keegan has some thinking to do before the quarter-final of the Uefa Cup in March, and it may concern the long-term future of his two expensive foreign imports. It also concerns the shape of a side he admitted "was as bad as we could ever be" for periods during the tie with Metz.

Keegan accepts that some drastic surgery may be required. "There are now only good teams left in the draw, and even though we won't find out who we play until next week, it won't matter if we perform like we did against Metz. We would not beat any of them on that form," he said.

There are some appetising ties in prospect, though, with the likes of Internazionale, Valencia, Tenerife and AS Monaco still surviving. Keegan has his thoughts on an appropriate opponent, and one whom he would prefer to avoid.

"We don't get many holidays so I think that Tenerife in March would be a nice break for us. I like the sound of that," he said. "I still believe we have the quality to win this competition, but we must play better. I think I would prefer to miss Inter — we can save them until the final."

Anderlecht (Bel), AS Monaco (Fr), Brondby (Den), Internazionale (It), Newcastle United (Eng), Schalke 04 (Ger), Tenerife (Sp), Valencia (Sp)

Rangers prepare to provide warm welcome for Rozental

By Our Sports Staff

RANGERS are close to completing the £3.75 million transfer of the Chile striker, Sebastian Rozental, from Universidad Catolica. The 20-year-old is expected to fly to Scotland after Chile's World Cup qualifying tie against Argentina on December 15.

Rozental's father and manager, Lazaro Rozental, confirmed yesterday: "Only small things have to be agreed, like how long he stays there and where he will live." It is understood Rozental will earn just over £2 million in the course of a 3½-year contract, provided that a work permit is granted.

Oliver Bierhoff, the striker whose goals clinched the European championship for Germany in England during the summer, has announced that he would like to join a club in the FA Carling Premiership. Bierhoff, who is presently with Udinese in Italy, insisted he was happy in *Serie A* for now, but said he knew some English clubs were keen to bring him to the league where his national team partner, Jürgen Klinsmann, enjoyed great success with Tottenham Hotspur.

"I know Blackburn Rovers were very interested in signing me," he said. "At the moment, it is out of the question. I want to stay in Italy, but if I decided to change country, we saw during Euro 96 what a marvellous atmosphere the fans provide there in England. It would have to be with a club capable of getting into the European Cup competitions" — adding, as if by way of a hint, "Arsenal would be such a club." Bierhoff, 28, underwent surgery in a Munich clinic on Tuesday for torn ligaments in his right ankle and will be out of action until the end of January.

The Dutch club, PSV Eindhoven, is to host an experimental match next week using high-tech aids to assist the referee. The game, between a team of Dutch veterans and foreign players presently playing in Holland, will use measuring equipment including microphones and remote cameras on goallines and in the stands, all of which will be monitored on a bank of screens by the side of the pitch.

The futuristic match has been organised by the Dutch professional coaches' union to see whether technical support can help referees and improve the quality of the game. Results from the game will be discussed during a symposium in Brussels on December 14, ahead of the World Cup qualifier between Belgium and Holland. A report will be forwarded to both Uefa and Fifa, football's European and world governing bodies.

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UEFA CUP: Third round, second leg: Newcastle United 2 FC Metz 0 (*Newcastle win 3-1 on aggregate*); Schalke 04 (Ger) 2 FC Bruges (Bel) 0 (Schalke win 3-2 on aggregate); Besiktas (Tur) 2 Valencia (Sp) 2 (Valencia win 5-3 on aggregate); Anderlecht (Bel) 1 Helsingborgs FF (Swe) 0 (Anderlecht win 1-0 on aggregate); SV Hamburg (Ger) 0 AS Monaco (Fr) 2 (AS Monaco win 5-0 on aggregate); Feyenoord (Holl) 2 Tenerife (Sp) 4 (Tenerife win 4-2 on aggregate); Boavista (Por) 0 Internazionale (It) 2 (Inter win 7-1 on aggregate).

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Middlesbrough 0 Leicester City 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Arsenal	15	9	4	2	29	13	31
Liverpool	15	9	4	2	26	13	31
Newcastle	15	9	2	4	28	17	29
Wimbledon	15	8	4	3	26	16	28
Man Utd	15	7	5	3	29	22	26
* A Villa	15	7	3	5	19	15	24
Chelsea	15	6	6	3	23	21	24
Everton	15	6	5	4	23	18	23
Derby	15	5	6	4	17	17	21
Sheff Wed	15	5	6	4	16	18	21
Tottenham	15	6	2	7	15	16	20
Leicester	16	6	2	8	16	21	20
Leeds	15	6	1	8	15	20	19
Sunderland	15	4	5	6	13	18	17
* West Ham	15	4	5	6	13	18	17
Middlesbro	16	3	5	8	20	28	14
* Southmptn	15	3	4	8	23	28	13
Blackburn	15	2	6	7	15	20	12
Coventry	15	1	7	7	9	21	10
Nottm F	15	1	6	8	12	25	9

** not including last night's matches*

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham City 0 Barnsley 0; Reading 2 Tranmere Rovers 0; Sheffield United 3 Huddersfield Town 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	21	11	8	2	43	28	41
Sheff Utd	20	10	6	4	37	20	36
Barnsley	20	9	8	3	35	26	35
C Palace	20	9	7	4	44	20	34
Tranmere	21	9	5	7	31	24	32
Wolvrhmptn	20	9	5	6	29	21	32
Norwich	19	9	5	5	27	19	32
Birmingham	21	8	7	6	23	21	31
Swindon	21	9	2	10	32	26	29
Oxford Utd	21	8	5	8	25	19	29
Portsmouth	21	7	5	9	25	28	26
Reading	21	7	5	9	25	32	26
* Charlton	19	8	2	9	21	28	26
Ipswich	21	6	7	8	27	32	25
Huddersfield	21	6	7	8	23	28	25
QPR	21	6	7	8	23	28	25
Port Vale	21	5	10	6	18	22	25
West Brom	20	5	9	6	26	31	24
* Stoke	18	6	6	6	24	30	24
Southend	21	5	9	7	23	33	24
Man City	21	7	2	12	23	33	23
Bradford	21	5	6	10	18	34	21
Grimsby	21	5	5	11	24	41	20
Oldham	21	4	8	9	23	26	20

** not including last night's match*

SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool 2 Plymouth Argyle 2; Brentford 2 Notts County 0; Bristol City 1 Watford 1; Burnley 2 Wrexham 0; Bury 3 Preston North End 0; Chesterfield 2 Peterborough United 1; Gillingham 2 Crewe Alexandra 1; Luton Town 2 York City 0; Rotherham United 0 Stockport County 1; Shrewsbury Town 1 Bournemouth 1; Walsall 1 Bristol Rovers 0; Wycombe Wanderers 1 *Millwall 0*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	22	11	7	4	35	23	40
Millwall	22	11	7	4	32	22	40
Bury	21	11	6	4	33	20	39
Luton	21	11	4	6	34	25	37
Burnley	22	11	4	7	30	22	37
Chesterfield	21	11	4	6	22	16	37
Stockport	22	10	6	6	29	25	36
Watford	21	9	9	3	24	18	36
Wrexham	20	9	8	3	27	22	35
Crewe	21	11	1	9	29	21	34
Bristol C	21	9	6	6	36	23	33
Bristol R	22	7	7	8	22	23	28
Shrewsbury	22	7	6	9	26	33	27
York	21	7	5	9	23	29	26
Blackpool	22	5	10	7	22	24	25
Walsall	21	7	4	10	21	25	25
Gillingham	22	7	4	11	21	27	25
Preston	22	7	4	11	21	27	25
Bournemouth	22	7	4	11	20	27	25
Plymouth	22	5	8	9	24	31	23
Peterborough	22	4	8	10	32	41	20
Notts Co	21	5	5	11	15	23	20
Wycombe	22	4	5	13	17	33	17
Rotherham	21	3	6	12	18	33	15

THIRD DIVISION: Barnet 0 Leyton Orient 0; Brighton 2 Darlington 3; Cambridge United 2 Mansfield Town 1; Cardiff City 1 Swansea City 3; Chester City 1 Fulham 1; Exeter City 1 Hereford United 1; Lincoln City 1 Carlisle United 1; Northampton Town 2 Hull City 1; Scarborough Town 1 Colchester United 1; Scunthorpe United 2 Hartlepool United 1; Torquay United 0 Rochdale 1; Wigan Athletic 4 Doncaster Rovers 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fulham	22	15	3	4	36	16	48
Camb Utd	22	13	3	6	33	27	42
Wigan	21	12	4	5	39	24	40
Carlisle	22	11	7	4	32	20	40
Cardiff	21	10	4	7	25	22	34
Swansea	22	9	5	8	25	25	32
Barnet	22	8	8	6	23	17	32
Colchester	22	7	10	5	32	26	31
Scunthorpe	22	9	4	9	28	30	31
Northmptn	22	8	6	8	31	26	30
Scarborough	21	7	9	5	30	27	30
Lincoln	22	8	6	8	28	33	30
Chester	21	8	6	7	23	23	30
Hull	22	6	11	5	20	22	29
Torquay	22	8	4	10	22	24	28
Rochdale	21	6	8	7	27	26	26
Exeter	22	7	5	10	21	28	26
Doncaster	22	7	3	12	24	33	24
Mansfield	21	5	9	7	21	22	24
L Orient	21	6	6	9	16	19	24
Hereford	22	6	5	11	23	31	23
Darlington	22	6	4	12	30	39	22
Hartlepool	21	6	4	11	23	28	22
Brighton	22	3	4	15	18	42	13

SPALDING CUP: Second round: Woking 0 Welling United 2.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: East Fife 1 Dundee 2 (abandoned after 47min). Third division: Alloa Athletic 2 Albion Rovers 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Nottingham Forest 3 Middlesbrough 1; Chelsea 2 Crystal Palace 3.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Leigh 2 Curzon Ashton 0; Workington 0 Netherfield 3 Cup: Second-round replay: Gainsborough Trinity 1 Leek Town 0. Third round: Colwyn Bay 3 Winsford 2.

ICIS LEAGUE: Second division: Hungerford 1 Chalfont St Peter 1; Metropolitan Police 3 Windsor and Eton 1. Third division: Northwood 4 Tring 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Wolverhampton 1 Aston Villa 4.

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second round: Hallam 1 Sandwell Borough 1 (aet).

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Third qualifying round replays: Yeading 3 Sittingbourne 1; Barrow 0 Bradford Park Avenue 1; Lancaster 4 Worksop 2.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: League Cup: Norwich City 0 West Ham United 1.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: March 1 Soham 1.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Adesey 1 Royston 1.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Thatcham Town 2 Brockenhurst 0.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Torrington 0 Taunton Town 6 (match abandoned after 83min).

CALOR COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Second round: Chimney Corner 0 Ballymena 2; Crusaders 0 Distillery 0 (aet; Crusaders won 7-6 on penalties).

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough 1 Darwen 0; Glossop North End 0 Mossley 0; Newcastle Town 0 Prescot Cables 4; Trafford 1 Vauxhall GM 1.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: John O'Hara League cup: Second-round replay: Peacehaven and Telscombe 2 Eastbourne United 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Boodle and Dunthorne Cup: Bolton 2 Bradfield 0; Bury GS 0 Lancing 1. Suffolk Schools Under-16 championship: Final: Hadleigh HS 2 Sir John Leman, Beccles 1.

CASTELLON, Spain: Five-a-side world championships: Group F: Brazil 5 Holland 1; Ukraine 5 Uruguay 3.

ASIAN NATIONS' CUP: Group A: United Arab Emirates 1 South Korea 1; Indonesia 2 Kuwait 2 (in Abu Dhabi).

FOOTBALL

DR MARTENS CUP: First round, second leg: Bilston v Redditch (7.30).

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second-round replay: Louth v Thackley (7.30).

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Preston v Port Vale (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Classic Cola National Cup: Semi-finals, first leg: Sheffield v Newcastle (7.45); Leopards v London Towers (7.0).

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Bracknell v Newcastle (8.0); Basingstoke v Cardiff (7.30).

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RUGBY UNION

Underwood may have chance to lay ghost of Lomu

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ONE England wing's good fortune was matched yesterday by the disappointment of another. Tony Underwood, who has not played for his country since the World Cup semi-final last year, has been recalled to the England squad to prepare for the international against Argentina on December 14, though he must wait until Monday to know whether he will play.

Jon Sleightholme, however, a try-scorer in each of his past three England appearances, is not required by Bath for the significant Courage Clubs Championship match with Harlequins on Saturday. Bath, the league champions, who are seeking to bring to earth the present leaders of the first division, prefer to use Jason Robinson to sustain their wide game rather than the more physical talents of Sleightholme.

Underwood's last international perspective was that of Jonah Lomu disappearing over the horizon with New Zealand in Cape Town; since then he has recovered from a knee injury, moved from Leicester to Newcastle and settled into the life of a rugby professional. His presence in the squad will keep Adedayo Adebayo and Sleightholme on their toes. "When Tony returned to his best, he had to come into consideration," Jack Rowell, the England coach, said yesterday.

Neither of the present England wings has yet had the best opportunity this season to show his worth, but Sleightholme will be desperately disappointed not to play for his club in so significant a match. At least Bath have acknowledged the value of a proven place-kicker by restoring Jonathan Callard at full back.

That choice, as much as anything, has impinged upon Sleightholme since Robinson has been accommodated at full back in recent games. Bath have also chosen Federico Méndez, the Argentinian hooker who made his debut against the Samoans, and Dan Lyle, the American back-row forward whom they have converted to lock.

Bath include in their back row Steve Ojomoh, who has been named as one of three England A captains to take the field next week. Ojomoh will lead an A XV against South Africa A at Gloucester next Wednesday while Tony Diprose will do the job against Argentina at Northampton on Tuesday and Matt Dawson takes over against Queensland at Gateshead on Friday.

These three games in four days may at last offer the touring teams some worthwhile opposition after they have cut a swath through the weakened "Counties of Origin" XVs. Even so, those games have thrown up unexpected opportunities for some players: Brian Johnson, the Newbury and Army wing, will play at Gloucester after distinguishing himself for the Western Counties, while Jeff Alexander, the former Harlequins centre now with Esher, is among the replacements for the same game.

Alexander was a tower of strength for London Counties and his presence may be some comfort to those players who put themselves forward when the first and second-division clubs were busy withdrawing their representatives.

ENGLAND TEAMS

ENGLAND SQUAD (v Argentina, December 14): Backs: T R G Stimpson (Newcastle), J M Sleightholme (Bath), W D C Carling (Harlequins), P R de Glanville (Bath, captain), A A Adebayo (Bath), M J Catt (Bath), A C T Gomarsall (Wasps), J C Guscott (Bath), A D King (Wasps), K P P Bracken (Saracens), T Underwood (Newcastle). Forwards: G C Rowntree (Leicester), M P Regan (Bristol), J Leonard (Harlequins), M O Johnson (Leicester), S D Shaw (Bristol), T A K Rodber (Northampton), L B N Dallaglio (Wasps), C M A Sheasby (Wasps), B B Clarke (Richmond), R J K Hardwick (Coventry), P B T Greening (Gloucester), V E Ubogu (Bath).

ENGLAND A (v Argentina, December 10): N Beal (Northampton); D Luger (Harlequins), A Blyth (Newcastle), W Greenwood (Leicester), I Hunter (Northampton); P Grayson (Northampton), M Dawson (Northampton); M Volland (Northampton), R Cockerill (Leicester), D Garforth (Leicester), M Corry (Bristol), G Archer (Newcastle), D Sims (Gloucester), R Hill (Saracens), A Diprose (Saracens, captain). Replacements: J Ewens (Bath), M Mapletoft (Gloucester), N Walshe (Harlequins), N Webber (Moseley), R Kellam (London Irish), W Davison (Harlequins). To travel: M Perry (Bath), C Murphy (West Hartlepool)

ENGLAND A (v South Africa A, December 11): C Catling (Gloucester); B Johnson (Army and Newbury), J Baxendell (Sale), N Greenstock (Wasps), S Bromley (Harlequins); R Liley (Leicester), A Healey (Leicester); K Yates (Bath), S Mitchell (Wasps), J Mallett (Bath), G Allison (Harlequins), D Grewcock (Coventry), R Fidler (Gloucester), R Jenkins (Harlequins), S Ojomoh (Bath, captain). Replacements: J Alexander (Esher), J Harris (Coventry), S Benton (Gloucester), K Brooking (Exeter), W Green (Wasps), P Anglesea (Orrell). To travel: P Vickery (Gloucester).

ENGLAND A (v Queensland, December 13): J Mallinder (Sale); D Luger (Harlequins), W Greenwood (Leicester), A Blyth (Newcastle), J Fallon (Richmond); M Mapletoft (Gloucester), M Dawson (Northampton, captain); M Volland (Northampton), R Cockerill (Leicester), N Webber (Moseley), M Corry (Bristol), C Murphy (West Hartlepool), D Sims (Gloucester), R Hill (Saracens), A Diprose (Saracens). Replacements: J Ewens (Bath), M Perry (Bath), N Walshe (Harlequins), R Kellam (London Irish), W Green (Wasps), W Davison (Harlequins).

Stransky on bench for Barbarians

JOEL STRANSKY, who dropped the winning goal in the World Cup final last year, is among the replacements for the Barbarians against the Australians at Twickenham on Saturday (David Hands writes). The South African stand-off half, who has endured a poor season with Western Province, has been linked with a move to England, as has the former Transvaal flanker, Rudolf Straeuli.

Meanwhile, France restore Olivier Merle to their second row against South Africa in Paris on Saturday, one of six changes from the XV beaten 22-12 in Bordeaux last weekend. The one newcomer is Laurent Leflamand, the Bourgoin wing, in the continued absence of Philippe Saint-André through injury.

FRANCE: J-L Sadourny (Colomiers); L Leflamand (Bourgoin), R Dourthe (Dax), S Glas (Bourgoin), D Venditti (Brive), C Lamaison (Brive), G Accoceberry (Bègles-Bordeaux); C Califano (Toulouse), M dal Maso (Agen), F Tournaire (Narbonne), P Benetton (Agen), O Merle (Montferrand), F Pelous (Dax), R Castel (Béziers), A Benazzi (Agen, captain). Replacements: G Boulc (Agen), P Carbonneau (Brive), M Lièvremont (Perpignan), H Miorin (Toulouse), J-J Crenca (Agen), M de Rougemont (Toulon)

SOUTH AFRICA: A Joubert (Natal); J Small (Natal), J Mulder (Transvaal), H le Roux (Transvaal), J Olivier (Northern Transvaal); H Honiball (Natal), J van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal). D Theron (Griqualand West), J Dalton (Transvaal), A Garvey (Natal), R Kruger (Northern Transvaal), J Wiese (Transvaal), M Andrews (Natal), A Venter (Free State), G Teichmann (Natal, captain). Replacements: K Putt (Natal), A Snyman (Northern Transvaal), W Fyvie (Natal), F van Heerden (Western Province), T van der Linde (Western Province), H Tromp (Northern Transvaal)

Services undone by rush of Latin blood

Combined Services 6
Argentina XV 52

BY DAVID HANDS.

THE Argentinians continued on their way at the Rectory, Plymouth, last night. Next week England and England A await, but their passage has been eased hitherto by England's domestic strife and a brave Combined Services XV proved unable to tilt the balance.

Faced with a succession of weakened Counties of Origin sides, the Argentinians have profited by averaging 60 points per match on their tour, though such easy points may not benefit them when they play England.

However, they have developed a swift moving game and thus the Services were caught napping by two early tries. Their line came under intense siege from the first moment, when the Argentinian backs swept 70 metres from the kick-off and only solid defence by the experienced Armstrong thwarted them.

The Services, though, stuck to their task, and their best moment came when Johnson darted 40 metres and paved the way for the first of Knowles's penalty goals. Abernethy showed similar appetite for the contest, but the Services lacked the pace of their nimble opponents.

Speed in midfield and the support of a flanker as mobile as Martin gave the Argentinians a substantial advantage and even allowed them the luxury of self-indulgence. Four first-half tries might have been more if players had not become greedy, but the pressure that they mounted on the Services inevitably told.

Albanese and Arbizu profited directly from defensive errors, though the Services' tackling seldom faltered and it was greatly to their credit that they restricted the touring side to only four further tries.

Argentinian eagerness at the rucks cost them penalties and positions, but nothing could stop Martin from erupting to the line for a singularly well-deserved score, nor Promanzio enjoying the final word from close range.

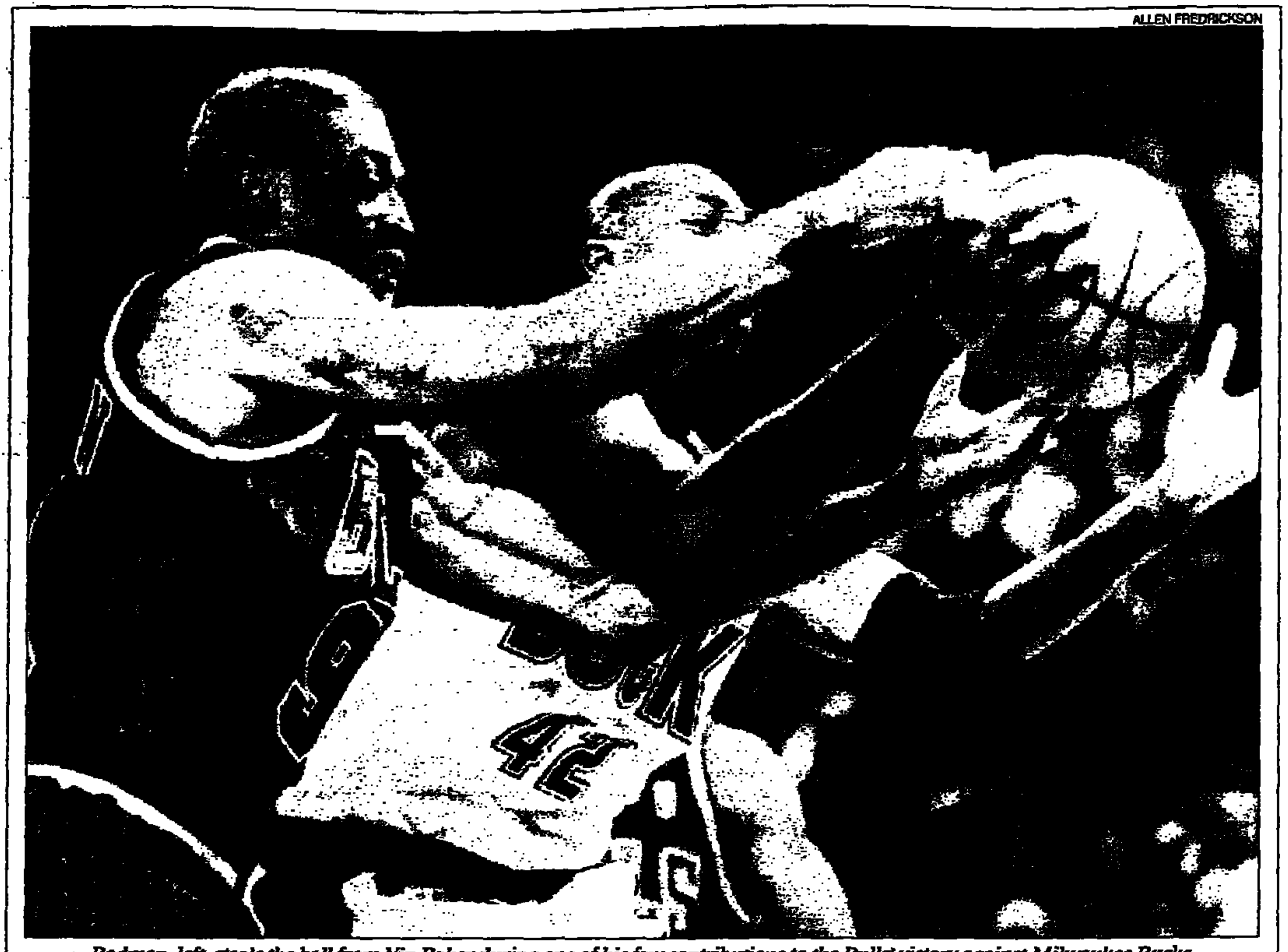
SCORERS: Combined Services: Penalty goals: Knowles (2). Argentina XV: Tries: Soler, Simes, Bouza, García, Albanese, Arbizu, Martin, Promanzio. Conversions: Quesada (6)

COMBINED SERVICES: Capt R Abernethy (Army); Lt B Johnson (Army), LS D Sibson (Navy), Capt H Graham (Army), Musn S Brown (Royal Marines); Capt P Knowles (Army), Capt S Pinder (Army); LS (R) N Bartlett (Navy), Capt J Brammer (Army, captain), JT B Williams (RAF), Sig L Denham (Army), Capt D Dahinten (Army), Lt A Newsham (Army), JT S Boote (RAF), Cpl R Armstrong (Royal Marines). Williams replaced by L Cpl M Stewart (Army, 66min); Denham replaced by SAC P Taylor (RAF, 66); SAC I Morgan (RAF) temporary replacement for Graham (13-15)

ARGENTINA XV: E Jurado, D Albanese, F García, L Arbizu (captain), F Soler; G Quesada, N Fernandez-Miranda, R Grau, C Promanzio, M Scelzo, R Martin, J Simes, G Llanes, P Camerlinckx, P Bouza. Soler replaced by O Bartolucci (58 min). Grau replaced by M Reggiardo (68)

Referee: R Davies (Wales).

ALLEN FREDRICKSON



Rodman, left, steals the ball from Vin Baker during one of his few contributions to the Bulls' victory against Milwaukee Bucks

Low interest rate rebounds on Rodman

Oliver Holt on why a prize asset has depreciated in the eyes of colleagues in the business of Chicago basketball

Dennis Rodman, the *enfant terrible* of the National Basketball Association (NBA), is in the thick of a new controversy. It is nothing to do, this time, with head-butting a referee, an offence that cost him a six-game suspension last season, or insulting league officials. This time, the problem runs deeper. The Chicago Bulls, the team Rodman dominates with Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, have simply become too good and Rodman says that he is bored.

On Tuesday night, as the Bulls improved their record this season to a remarkable 16 wins and one defeat by coasting past the Milwaukee Bucks 107-104 here in the Bradlee Centre, Rodman made his lack of interest clear by continuing his recent practice of chatting casually to supporters during lulls in the action.

With Jordan leading the league in scoring again — he claimed 40 points against the Bucks — and the Bulls on course to smash the record they set last season of 72 wins and ten losses, Rodman, the best rebounder or gobbler-up of missed shots in the league, is finding it increasingly hard to motivate himself for routine games.

After the cakewalk on Tuesday, he sat in the locker-room wearing a T-shirt proclaiming "I don't mind straight people as long as they act gay in public" and sported a new hairdo dyed an eclectic mix of oranges, deep reds and yellows. He said the Bulls' continuing dominance of the NBA holds no thrills for him.

"It's all right," he said. "It's comfortable. It's something to do, right now. Until the season gets really competitive, I'm staying in shape, that's all. It's very difficult to get myself up for a game like tonight. The only way to do it is to go out there and compete against ourselves. If you keep saying 'let's do something, let's do something', then sometimes you can get your juices flowing."

Rodman, who is being paid $9 million (about £5.45 million) for his services this season, got the biggest cheer of the night when he scored his only basket midway through the third quarter. That, and his obvious displeasure at being penalised for a foul, were the only things that provoked any animation. *The Chicago Tribune* has labelled him "Disinterested Dennis".

Some of his team-mates, predictably, are less than impressed. "There's nothing we can really do about him being bored," Pippen said. "He should have thought about that before he signed his $9 million deal. He's disinterested now and we haven't even gotten through the first month."

Rodman, who was last week served with papers relating to a sexual harassment case claiming that he touched an usherette "in an inappropriate manner" when he fell into the crowd while trying to retrieve the ball at a game two years ago, said that he is getting more fun out of presenting his own show on MTV than playing basketball.

"It's wild and exciting," he said. "It's more of a job than basketball. It shows that I'm more than just an athlete. I won't miss the game of basketball when I leave, I can tell you that. I've had my share, my laughter, my entertainment, my joy, my sadness. It's time to move on."

ATHLETICS

Athletes launch bid to set up sports academy

A CONSORTIUM of British athletes and businessmen yesterday launched a bid to set up the new British Academy of Sport proposed by John Major in July. The Prime Minister's initiative is intended to boost the performance of elite athletes after the poor showing at the Olympic Games in Atlanta when the rowers, Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, won Britain's only gold medal.

The academy proposed by Athletes' Bid is supported by more than 200 past and present British athletes, including the double Olympic champion and 800 metres world record-holder, Sebastian Coe, and Daley Thompson, the former Olympic decathlon champion. It would provide training and support facilities for most sports, the consortium architect, Terry Pawson, said.

Ray Stevens, a judo silver medal-winner at the Barcelona Games, said: "This academy will produce more Olympic gold medals for Britain without a shadow of a doubt."

Many European countries already have central sports academies. Stevens, who trained for the Atlanta Games in Paris because of a shortage of sparring partners and facilities in Britain, said a British academy was essential.

"Without the facilities that a central academy, like France's Incep, offers, you're down before you start. You know you can't compete on level terms abroad," Stevens said.

The Athletes' Bid complex would be on the outskirts of London and could be up and running before the Sydney Games in 2000, Sir Gerard Neil, a former MP and bid steering group member, said.

If successful, the Athletes' Bid, one of 25 competing to provide the academy, would qualify for a £100 million grant from the National Lottery. The competing bids are to be whittled down to six within the next two weeks.

BOWLS

Gourlay subdues plucky Peacock

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

DAVID GOURLAY Jr edged into the final of the CIS (Insurance) Scottish Masters tournament at Coatbridge yesterday, but had to work hard to get the better of David Peacock, the Scottish champion, 7-6, 7-6.

Peacock, 26, performed admirably for 15 high-quality ends and often had Gourlay in trouble after opening the semi-final with a well-taken treble. Gourlay broke a 6-6 deadlock in the first set, and set off confidently in the second, opening up a 5-0 lead after three ends.

Two trebles, the second engineered when Gourlay was holding a match lie, changed the complexion of the game, catapulting Peacock into a 6-5 lead. However, an inch-perfect final bowl from Gourlay on the sixth end earned him a winning double.

Earlier, Graham Robertson, who is attempting to win the title for the third time, defeated Andy Thomson 7-1, 1-7, 7-3. "I was delighted with the way I played and for once I managed to make a good start," Robertson said.

He needed just four ends to take the opening set 7-1 but Thomson reversed that scoreline in the second and then moved 2-0 ahead in the decider. Robertson hit back to tie things up at 3-3 and then added doubles on the next two ends to take the set and the match.

Thomson was quick to praise his opponent. "I've no complaints. Graham played very well and produced some really big shots in the decider," he said.

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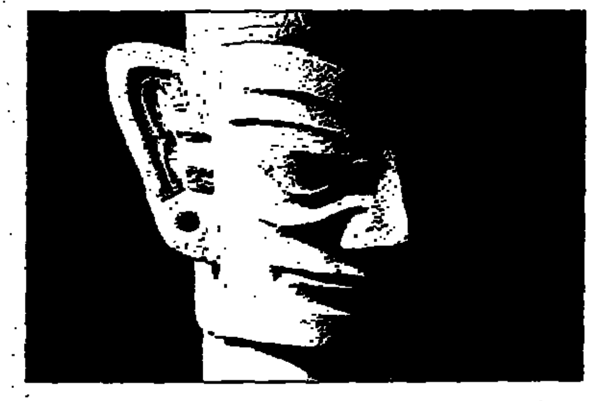

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BADMINTON

DENPASAR, Indonesia: World grand prix finals: Men: Group B: I Wijaya (Indo) bt Dong Jiong (China) 15-12, 15-5 Group C: R Sidek (Malaysia) bt S B Nielsen (Den) 15-10; 15-1 Group D: A Budi Kusuma (Indo) bt B Santoso (Indo) 6-15, 15-7, 15-10; Hu Zhilan (China) bt P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) 15-13, 12-15, 18-15 Women: Group A: M Audina (Indo) bt C Gandrup (Swe) 11-3, 11-1. Group B: Ye Zhaoying (China) bt Yao Yan (China) 11-7, 11-1.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester 103 Derby 79.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta 105 Boston 95; Cleveland 99 Toronto 74; Minnesota 89 Sacramento 98; New York 75 Miami 99; Milwaukee 104 Chicago 107; Portland 93 Indiana 98 (OT); Golden State 114 Denver 99; LA Clippers 86, Charlotte 89; LA Lakers 110 Seattle 106.

EUROLEAGUE: Group A: CSKA Moscow 70 Stefanel Milan 55 Group C: Croatia Split 58 Panathinaikos (Gr) 65.

BOWLS

COATBRIDGE: CIS Scottish Masters: Quarter-finals: D Gourlay Jr (Scot) bt J Henry (Ire) 7-6, 7-3; D Peacock (Scot) bt H Duff (Scot) 7-4, 2-7, 7-6. Semi-finals: G Robertson (Scot) bt A Thomson (Eng) 7-1, 1-7, 7-3, Gourlay bt Peacock 7-6, 7-6

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Nagpur (second day of three): South Africans 385-5 dec (H H Gibbs 200 not out, D N Crookes 76, W J Cronje 59) and 33-0; India A 340 (V G Kambli 98; P R Adams 5-108).

CURLING

COPENHAGEN: European championships (home nations results). Men: Group A1: Scotland 5 Denmark 4. Group A2: England 7 Norway 4 Group B: Luxembourg 9 Wales 3. Women: Group A1: Germany 10 England 2. Group A2: Scotland 13 Czech Republic 6

GOLF

ATALAYA PARK, Marbella, Spain: Johnnie Walker European team championship: Final scores (best two scores count): 414: Scotland (C Ronald 68, J Chillas 70). 421: Spain 431: England (G Furey 69, C Smellie 73). 436: Ireland (D McGrane 70, D Mooney 77) 441: Wales (P Mayo 71, W Lockett 73). Finland 443: Austria, Denmark, Czech Republic. 444: Germany

LA MANGA, Spain: American Express Women's European Tour qualifying school (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 138: M-J Rouleau (Can) 68, 70 140: T Eakin 70, 70. 142: M-T Pistolet (Fr) 69, 73; M Hedblom (Swe) 72, 70: V Stenerud (Nor) 71, 71. 143: S Eklund (Swe) 74, 69 144: L Ericsson (Swe) 72, 72; C Schmitt (Fr) 70, 74; S Farron (NZ) 73, 71; A Torres (Arg) 71, 73; J Lee (US) 72, 72. 145: H Hopkins (Aus) 72, 73; S Elliott 73, 72; M Burstrom 73, 72; S Burnell 77, 68. 146: L Dermott 72, 74; W Patterson (US) 76, 70 147: N Lowien (Aus) 75, 72; I Maconi (It) 72, 75; C Orth (Ger) 72, 75, M Wright 75, 72; J Head 74, 73; M Brink (Swe) 76, 71; J Oliver 74, 73; K Andersson (Swe) 71, 76.

ICE HOCKEY

EUROPEAN LEAGUE: Group A: TPS Turku (Fin) 2 Manchester 1.

SUPERLEAGUE: Sheffield 4 Nottingham 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Vancouver 2 Detroit 2 (OT); New Jersey 2 Florida 0; NY Islanders 3 Calgary 1; Hartford 4 Pittsburgh 4 (OT); Toronto 2 St Louis 0. Los Angeles 4 Phoenix 1

HOCKEY

AEWHA CUP: Fourth-round draw: Aldridge v Old Loughtonians; Cheam v Harborne; Clifton v Kettering; Crimson Ramblers v Farnborough; Doncaster v Ealing; Harleston Magpies v Balsam Leicester; Ipswich v Redditch; Leyland Motors v Hightown, Loughborough Students v Sutton Canada Life; Olton v Blueharts; Slough v Liverpool Sunderland Bedans v Woking; Trojans v Bishop's Stortford; Wimbledon v Sherwood; Winchester v Chelmsford; Winchmore Hill v Canterbury.

☐ Ties to be played on March 2 1997

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round draw: Group A: Beverley v Embassy; Dewsbury Moor v Upton and Frickley; East Leeds v Kingston Communications; Eastmoor v Worth Village; Featherstone Amateurs v West Bowling, Hemel Hempstead v Leeds University; Heworth v Student R L O B; Hull Dockers v Bisons, Lock Lane v Stanningley; Milford v Norland; Normanton v Clayton; Oulton Raiders v Ideal; A B I Redhill v London Colonials, Shaw Cross V BRK; Skirlaugh v Queens; Thornhill v New Earswick West Hull v East Hull, York Acorn v Fryston; Group B: Askam v Thatto Heath. Barrow Island v Waterhead; Blackbrook v Kells; Blackpool Gladiators v Haydock. Dudley Hill v Park Amateurs; Egremont v Folly Lane. Leigh East v Keighley Albion; Leigh Miners Rangers v Farnworth; Mayfield v Eccles; Millom v Higginshaw; Moldgreen v Durham University; Oldham St Annes v Siddal; Ovenden v. Hensingham; Saddleworth Rangers v Ellenborough Rangers, Walney Central v West Park Hotel Wigan St Judes v Wigan Rose Bridge Wigan St Patricks v Halton Simms Cross Woolston Rovers v Gateshead Panthers

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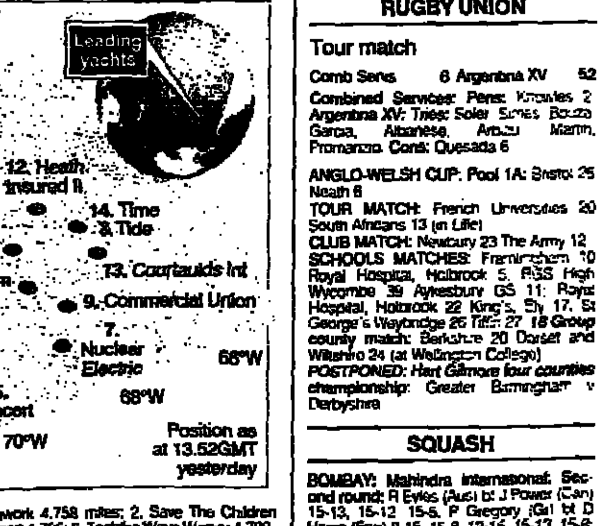

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RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British amateur championship: Second round: A Smith-Bingham bt J Wilmot 15-6, 15-11, 15-7

REAL TENNIS

CLUB MATCH: Bristol and Bath 4 Queen's Club 1

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Tour match

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Combined Services: Pens: Knowles 2. Argentina XV: Tries: Soler, Simes, Bouza, Garcia, Albanese, Arbizu, Martin, Promanzio. Cons: Quesada 6

ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 1A: Bristol 25 Neath 6

TOUR MATCH: French Universities 20 South Africans 13 (in Lille)

CLUB MATCH: Newbury 23 The Army 12

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Framlingham 10 Royal Hospital, Holbrook 5. RGS High Wycombe 39 Aylesbury GS 11; Royal Hospital, Holbrook 22 King's, Ely 17. St George's Weybridge 26 Tiffin 27. 18 Group county match: Berkshire 20 Dorset and Wiltshire 24 (at Wellington College)

POSTPONED: Hart Gilmore four counties championship: Greater Birmingham v Derbyshire

SQUASH

BOMBAY: Mahindra international: Second round: R Eyles (Aus) bt J Power (Can) 15-13, 15-12 15-5. P Gregory (Gt) bt D Harris (Eng) 8-15, 15-8, 12-15 15-13, 15-8 M Cairns (Eng) bt O el Sorolossy (Egypt) 15-13, 15-12, 15-11 D Ryan (Ire) bt C Wapnick (SA) 13-15 15-10, 15-9, 15-13 S Parke (Eng) bt A Wagih (Egypt) 15-6, 15-6, 10-15, 9-15, 15-9 Zubair Jahan (Pak) bt Zarak Jahan (Pak) 15-12, 15-8 15-12; A Barada (Egypt) bt M Chaloner (Eng) 15-14, 7-15, 9-15 15-11 15-12; P Nicol (Scot) bt S Meads (Eng) 15-5 15-9, 15-8

TENNIS

MUNICH: Compaq Grand Slam Cup: First round. G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt M Tillstrom (Swe) 6-4, 6-2 M Woodforde (Aus) bt A Agassi (US) 6-3, 6-4 J Hlasek (Switz) bt C Pioline (Fr) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt A Corretja (Sp) 6-4, 7-6 Quarter-final draw: Today: B Becker (Ger) v Hlasek; T Henman (GB) v M Washington (US) Tomorrow: Kafelnikov v J Courier (US); Ivanisevic v Woodforde

WORLD RANKINGS: Men: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,865pts, 2, M Chang (US) 3,597; 3, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 3,564; 4, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 3,492, 5, T Muster (Austria) 3,166; 6, B Becker (Ger) 2,988 7, R Krajicek (Hol) 2,380 8, A Agassi (US) 2,364; 9, T Enqvist (Swe) 2,191 10, W Ferreira (SA) 2,149. Women: 1, S Graf (Ger) 332.0714pts, 2, M Seles (US) 312.0083, 2, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 203.7882, 3, J Novotna (Cz) 192.9963; 4, M Hingis (Switz) 179.4706; 5, C Martinez (Sp) 176.7206; 6, A Huber (Ger) 149.4188 7, I Majoli (Cro) 147.0890; 8, K Date (Japan) 139.6387 9, L Davenport (US) 138.6510, 10, B Paulus (Austria) 87.7813

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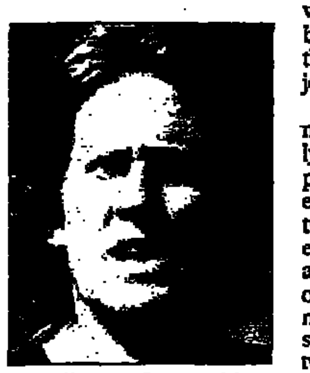
Toughs of the track reduced to mortal battle

This is a tale of two champions — two of the finest milers to grace a running track. Between them, they have run 265 sub-four-minute miles. Since they first began stalking each other around the athletic arenas of the world in the Seventies, their lives and careers have been strangely intertwined.

They are Steve Scott, of the United States, and John Walker, of New Zealand. Their achievements seem superhuman. Walker, the first man to better 3min 50sec for the distance, won Olympic gold and set a world record of 3min 49.08sec. He ran 129 miles inside four minutes. Scott ran 3min 47.69sec, competed in two Olympic Games and has broken the barrier on 136 occasions.



Walker: unforgettable

At the height of their powers their track-tuned bodies seemed indestructible. They dedicated their lives to health, fitness, records, medals. They would race anywhere, against everyone. They were the men who had everything. Now, cruelly, both have had just about everything snatched away.

Walker, 44, is battling Parkinson's disease and will surely never run again; Scott, 40, is fighting back after major surgery for cancer.

A decade ago they became caught up in a bizarre race to be the first man to complete 100 sub-four-minute miles. They haunted the commercial circus of grand prix races in Europe, living out of suitcases and subjecting their bodies to more demands than any before them had dreamt of. They were the first of a new breed, who turned their running into a job.

In previous eras, milers would carefully harbour their physical and mental energies for one or two supreme efforts each season. Walker and Scott would turn out such performances as routine, sometimes as often as two or three times a week. Their idea of a peak, a world-class effort, might come around every Wednesday and Friday.

There are those in sport who believe that nature always calls in her overdrafts, and who knows what punishment these two inflicted on their bodies?

The crowds, and the promoters, loved them. Walker, in particular, was one of the great spectacles of athletics. In full flight, clad all in black, with his flowing golden locks, he was a magnificent animal. Six feet tall, 11½ stone, he vibrated down the home straight with an arrogance and passion that were unforgettable.

He says now that combing that hair, knocking on a door or signing his name has become difficult. Writing with immense dignity about his illness in *The New Zealand Herald*, Walker said: "I'm not looking for sympathy. Sure, I struggle to do things I had always taken for granted, like brushing my teeth and writing, and it takes me time to do other things like turning pages and getting out of bed, but, thankfully, I still have full mobility on my left side.

"Initially, I feared [and so did my children] that I was going to be like Muhammad Ali, but I have been assured I won't shake like him and that I should live a reasonably normal life with only a very gradual deterioration over the years. There are a lot of people worse off than me."

For Walker and Scott, the racing did not end even when they had each clocked up 100 and more sub-four-minute miles. Another challenge beckoned. Each believed that he could be the first to break the barrier when past the age of 40.

That prize was snatched from them when Eamonn Coghlan, the Irishman, ran 3min 58.15sec in 1994, and on an indoor track. It has still not been achieved outdoors.

Scott: fighting back

Despite coming close to death two years ago, Scott could be the man to do it. He was operated on for testicular cancer. "The surgery," Scott said, "was serious stuff. They removed 35 lymph nodes from my groin to my lungs. I believe I learnt what caused it. My life had been in turmoil the year before my surgery, primarily because my running had been so bad that I had to begin thinking about a new career.

"I had created so much emotional and physical stress in my system that it weakened my body's normal defences. I believe that caused my body to succumb to this cancer."

Like Walker, Scott looks for no pity and has responded to his illness like a champion. He is back in training and, according to Marc Bloom, his friend and biographer, "he looks as healthy as a horse". At the end of September he won the Masters (over-40) division of the Fifth Avenue Mile in 4min 06.57sec, after going through the half in 1min 57sec.

In the early days of his career Scott modelled himself on the compelling personality of Walker, who became his mentor and friend on the international track circuit.

Amazingly, this spring Scott will try to squeeze just one more sub-four-minute mile out of his ageing and battered body. If he does, I would like to think that he will do it as much for his old friend and rival as for himself. Six seconds is a lot to find by the spring, especially when you are lining up against the passing years and the surgeon's knife.

They are tough opponents; but, when it comes to the mile, opponents never came any tougher than Steve Scott and John Walker.

JOHN BRYANT

TENNIS: AMERICAN BOOED OFF COURT AFTER ANOTHER SPIRITLESS DISPLAY

Jeers for Agassi's shadow play

FROM ALIX RAMSAY
IN MUNICH

Agassi plays a forehand return during the lacklustre affair against Woodforde, who won in straight sets

ANDRE AGASSI left the Olympia Halle here yesterday to a chorus of boos and whistles after losing 6-3, 6-4 to Mark Woodforde in the first round of the Compaq Grand Slam Cup.

The Munich public, more concerned with football scores than with forehands and backhands, may not know a lot about tennis but they know what they like and the man from Las Vegas is a long way from being flavour of the month in Bavaria.

The spectators had forked out up to DM150 (over £60) for the dubious privilege of sharing their afternoon with Agassi and had expected rather more than the lacklustre display on offer.

Agassi, who is now to take a six-week break from the game — he will miss the Australian Open — appeared to try his best to lose quickly and quietly but, unfortunately for him, Woodforde would not let him. With the first set already gone and having lost his service to go 3-2 down in the second, Agassi could reasonably have expected Woodforde to take charge.

But if Agassi was looking for an easy way out, he was not going to get it. Woodforde threw away his own service and only with considerable help from Agassi did he *manage to edge into the lead* again. The only real contest seemed to centre around who wanted to win least, and Agassi won that hands down.

It was another dreadful match to add to his miserable *year. Since losing in the quarter-finals* of the US Open, Agassi has had his mind set on taking a break to rest, train and wipe away the memories of 1996. His autumn campaign has been a catalogue of *below-par performances* and first-round defeats.

"There is definitely a lack of motivation on the goal of trying to win a couple of tournaments this fall," he said, "because, to me, if I don't play my best tennis, it's not worth it. It's just not." That was more or less what the crowd thought, too.

"I seem to thrive in digging myself in a bit of a hole and getting excited to come out of it again," Agassi said. "It's nothing that concerns me but it's something that I certainly need to address. Certainly, I am taking the time off in the hope and desire and plan of getting strong, fit and getting my game back to where it can be. I don't need any miracle cures. I just need to get back to good old fundamentals."

What Goran Ivanisevic needs is a good barber. He *may have the most intimidating* service on the men's tour but the world No 4 is most definitely tonsorially challenged. Last year he won in Munich with more hair on his chin than on his head; this year the hair has returned with a vengeance. It is tied up *in a ponytail*, rising from the top of his scalp, to make him appear for all the world like a little Christmas tree.

But, whatever the hairstyle, it is still the same old Ivanisevic underneath. Yesterday he blasted 20 aces past Mikael Tillstrom to win 6-4, 6-2 in just under an hour and now plays Woodforde tomorrow for a place in the semi-finals.

Tim Henman also has his sights on a semi-final spot. Today he takes on MaliVai Washington, whom he beat in straight sets in Nottingham in June, to see if he can go through to meet either Boris Becker or Jacob Hlasek on Saturday.

This time last week Hlasek could not have imagined he would be in the quarter-finals of the Grand Slam Cup, but yesterday's 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Cedric Pioline, one of France's Davis Cup heroes, put him through.

Not bad for a player who announced his retirement last month. The unexpected spoils will no doubt help to top up his pension fund.

Results 45

Britain must win to avoid swift return

GREAT BRITAIN must beat Slovakia today to avoid relegation from the champions' division at the European men's team championship in Reggio Calabria, Italy.

The British team of Danny Sapsford, Andrew Richardson and Paul Robinson, with Jeremy Bates as its non-playing captain, were beaten 2-1 by Sweden on Tuesday, when the Slovakians were defeated 2-0 by Germany. Now the two losing nations meet and, if Britain are beaten again, they will go down to the first division, from which they gained promotion last year.

In the absence of Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski, Britain's leading men, Sapsford, 27, from Surrey, is the highest world-ranked player among the two teams at No 195, with Richardson, from Lincolnshire, at No 326 and Robinson, from Northampton, who has only just returned to full-time tennis, at No 584.

Martin Hromec, the Slovak No 1, is ranked No 249 and Tomas Catar, their second string, is No 337. The contest will be decided by two singles rubbers and, if necessary, a deciding doubles.

Answers from page 42

DARIOLE

(b) A pasty or tart, usually sweet in English. From the 14th-century French *dariole*, a small pasty filled with "flesh, hearbes, and spices, mingled and minced together". Now a cream tart. Quentin Durward, 1823: "Ordering confections, darioles, and any other light dainties he could think of."

DISMEMBRATOR

(c) Something that dismembrates or disintegrates. Specifically, an apparatus for separating flour from bran, after crushing in a roller mill. From the medieval Latin *dismembrāre* to dismember.

EXCIPULUM

(c) A layer of cells lying beneath and partially enclosing, as a cup, the apothecium in lichens. From the Latin *excipulum*, a receptacle, found only in the plural. From *excipere* to receive.

DEAURATE

(c) Gilded or golden, from the Latin *deaurātus*, the past participle of *deaurāre* (late) Latin, to gild over. "Of so eye-bewitching and deaurate ruddy dye is the skin-coat of this landgrave."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxa6! anyway, e.g. 1 ... Bxd4 2 Rxf6 Bxf6 3 a5 Be5 (Black could hold up the pawns with 3 ... Bd8, but then 4 Kd4 followed by Kxd5 and the three queenside pawns will soon decide the game) 4 b5 h4 5 a6 and the advance of the pawns will force a new queen.

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ATHLETICS

Nebiolo ignores tradition

David Powell looks at changes to cross country's top event

The world cross-country championships will be staged on concrete this winter, but for Primo Nebiolo, the autocratic president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), ducking the mud-slinging will be a small inconvenience for the personal satisfaction he will gain from seeing the championships come to his home city of Turin.

Nebiolo has a worldwide reputation for moving heaven and earth to satisfy his ego. This time, his minions are arranging to have the earth moved literally, as lorry loads of cross country's essential ingredient will be dropped into place to turn a section of Parco del Valentino, in the centre of the northern Italian city, into something resembling Parliament Hill Fields.

As the championships take another long, sweeping turn away from tradition, there are those at the IAAF who fear a catastrophe if it rains, among them Otto Klappert, the German chairman of the world governing body's own cross-country committee.

"In normal weather, we will not have great problems, but in the case of rain, we could have," Klappert said. "If you put earth on a concrete road, it is difficult for the water to drain. We have to build an artificial track and that is a great problem." If there is heavy rain in March, the course could turn into one big splash pool, contrary to the IAAF ideal of fast, dry terrain.

The IAAF decision to move the world championships into a city centre for the first time stems from its wish to tempt greater numbers of spectators, thereby creating a better impression on television. The happier television is, the richer the IAAF becomes; the more athletics is shown, the more important Nebiolo feels. The Parco del Valentino backdrop of castles, river and hills represents an attempt to turn cross country into a thing of beauty rather than one of endeavour.

Klappert went on: "It is definitely an advantage that we can present on television a big crowd and great surroundings, but, on the other hand, it is not what we, and especially the British, expect of a real cross-country event." The course will not even have time to mature.

"According to what I have heard from my Italian friends, it is a public park which is used every day and they [the IAAF] can only start working on the course from the last moment." Klappert said. "But Dr Nebiolo has said we will not have a problem."

Apparently, the course runs close to the local nightlife. Cross country on the disco floor next? Or has Nebiolo finally gone as far as he can in pulling up the roots of cross-country tradition?

Of elephants and custard

My Granny's Larder. *Radio 4, 8.45pm.*

It's an ill wind ... and all that. Had it not been for Elizabeth Bird's dyspepsia, aggravated by anything containing eggs, we would probably never have known the delights of instant custard. In the 1830s, her solicitous husband Alfred — latest in a long line of inventive Birds — created eggless custard powder. The rest, as they say, is history. Derek Cooper is charting the histories of bedtime and lunchtime wonders such as Horlicks, HP sauce, Camp coffee and Ribena. Tonight is all about custard, though there is a slight diversion in which Cooper recalls the publicity stunts thought up by Thomas Lipton, of grocery fame. As a crowd-puller, he would use elephants to help to haul his latest imported cheeses through the streets of Glasgow.

Opera Matinee. *Radio 3, 1.00pm.*

You don't expect unanimity from classical music pundits, so when it does happen, it deserves to be celebrated in print. One of Radio 3's five choices of the best opera compact discs of the year is Handel's *Ariodante* on the Harmoni Mundi label, conducted by Nicholas *McGehan, and with* a cast headed by Lorraine Hunt and Juliana Gondec. The same CD has been picked by one of *BBC Music Magazine*'s team of critics who have been surveying the title-packed 1996 recording scene. It is this much-praised CD that Radio 3 is broadcasting this afternoon.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

7.00am Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson. Includes at **12.30pm-12.45** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, includes at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session on Campus in Coventry, with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Soundbite, with Danny Kelly **12.00** Mary Anne Hobbs **4.00am** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** My Mammy and Me. A sit-com by Cathy MacPhail. With Eileen McCallum, Jake D'Arcy and Kate Donnelly **7.30** David Allen **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gospel Train, with Carol Pemberton **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester, incl Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55, 7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide, incl. at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** On the Line **8.05** Inside Edge **9.05** SportsAmerica **9.35** Sportshop **10.05** News Talk, Paul Reynolds **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours — Early Call, with Vincent Hanna **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. News on the hour **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** Network UK **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Composer of the Month **8.55** Health Matters **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Sports International **9.45** Sport **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf **11.30** Meridian On Screen **12.05pm** World Business Report **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Assignment **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Multitrack **3.05** Sport **3.15** Jazz Now and Then **3.30** Network UK **4.15** World Today **4.30** BBC English **4.45** Britain Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Sport **6.30** Assignment **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Words of Faith **7.30** John Peel **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** Meridian Books **10.30** World Today **10.45** Sport **11.10** Take Five **11.15** Record Progress **11.30** The Ed Stewart Show **12.30am** Good Books **12.45** Britain Today **1.30** Outlook **1.55** Words of Faith **2.30** Pick of the World **3.15** Sport **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto: Danzi (Flute Concerto No 2 in D minor, Op 31) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Albinoni (Sonata in A major, Op 1 No 3) **7.00** Travel Guide: Bermuda **8.00** Concert. Mozart (Overture: Don Giovanni); Salieri (Piano Concerto in E flat); Mozart (Violin Concerto No 5 in A, K219); Rimsky-Korsakov (Mozart und Salieri) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Sibelius (Scenes Historiques, Suite No 2); Britten (Come You Not, from Newcastle?)
8.50 An Advent Calendar. Carols performed by the National Youth Chamber Choir of Scotland, conductor Christopher Bell. Henry Walford Davies (O Little Town of Bethlehem); Chant (Puer Nobis Nascitur); Anon (Gaudete!)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes Scarlatti, arr Avison (Concerto No 11 in G); Dowland (Forlorne Hope Fancy)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes Telemann (Cantata Gottlichs Kind, Lass mit Entzucken); Honegger (Violin Sonata No 1); Scriabin (Piano Sonata No 4)
12.00 Composer of the Week: *Lully. Includes lullabies, nocturnes and aubades from* Les Amants Magnifiques, La Princesse d'Elide, Le Divertissement de Chambourd and Le Triomphe de l'Amour
1.00pm Opera Matinée. See Choice
4.35 Scottish Reconstructions. Maxwell Davies (Renaissance Scottish Dances); Judith Weir (The Bagpiper's String Trio); Maxwell Davies (Kinloche; His Fantassie)
5.00 The Music Machine. Media laboratory guru Tod Machover talks about the future of opera *and his latest project The Brain Opera*
5.15 In Tune. Includes Heinichen (Concerto in F); Saint-Saens (Danse Macabre); Schubert (Piano Sonata in A)
7.30 BBC Philharmonic in Geneva. Live from the Victoria Hall, Geneva. The BBC Philharmonic, conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier, Cecile Ousset, piano. Bridge (Suite The Sea); Saint-Saens (Piano Concerto No 2 in G minor) **8.20 Letter from Geneva.** Swiss publisher Michéle Stroum looks at what people in her city are reading **8.40** Concert, part 2. Britten (Passacaglia, Peter Grimes); Roussel (Symphony No 3)
9.40 The Jesus Diary. Producer Angela Tilby reflects that Jesus's public life spanned three years less time then it took her to make her television series for BBC 1
10.00 Music Restored. In a concert to mark the 450th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther, Paul McCreesh *directs the Gabrieli Consort* Players, and members of the audience, in treatments of Luther's Advent chorale Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland. With Linda Perillo, soprano, Robin Blaze, alto, Joseph Cornwell, tenor and George Moley, bass
10.45 Night Waves. Sally Magnusson presents a discussion on whether new writing is more healthy in Scotland than in England
11.30 Composers of the Week: American Symphonists (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Features Jimmy Skidmore
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** *Choral Evensong (r)* **2.00** Hartmann, Strauss and Bruckner **3.40** Baltic Music **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** *Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze. Michael Buerk chairs a debate on the moral issues behind the week's news. Joining him are Dr David Cook, Janet Daley, Michael Mansfield, QC, and Dr David Starkey
10.00 News; Wonderland Girls (FM) Marianne Carey's comedy lifts the lid on the life assurance business. With Fiona Bell, Wendy Seager and Tom Smith (2/4)
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Foul Play Chairman Simon Brett challenges crime writers Lady Antonia Fraser and Reginald Hill to solve a mystery **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; A Breath of Fresh Air, by Graeme Fife. When death stalked the streets of Paris at the time of the French Revolution, nobody was safe — not even the greatest chemist of his day. With Henry Goodman, Helena Breck and Anton Lesser
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift. Simon Hoggart concludes his political novice's guide to personality types commonly found among our MPs
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Allen reviews Jonathan Miller's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
4.45 Short Story: Magic, by Gee Williams
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Hair in the Gate, by Clive Coleman. With Geoffrey Whitehead and Rebecca Front (4/4)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Radio Lives: Professor A.J. "Freddy" Ayer. The last of six portraits of the great names in radio, TV and beyond. With Laurie Taylor
8.00 Analysis. Over the last 20 years, trade unions have seen their influence curbed and their membership decline. Peter Kellner asks whether we still need them
8.45 My Granny's Larder. See *Choice*
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Presented by Frederick Dove
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Sleeping Beauty and the Airplane, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez (r)
11.00 Beaumarchais, by Craig Warner. With Henry Goodman, Siobhan Redmond and Sean Baker (5/6)
11.30 All About Eve (FM). Lorelei King talks to the women who inspire her about the women who inspire them (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Carol, by Patricia Highsmith (9/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast
1.00 As World Service

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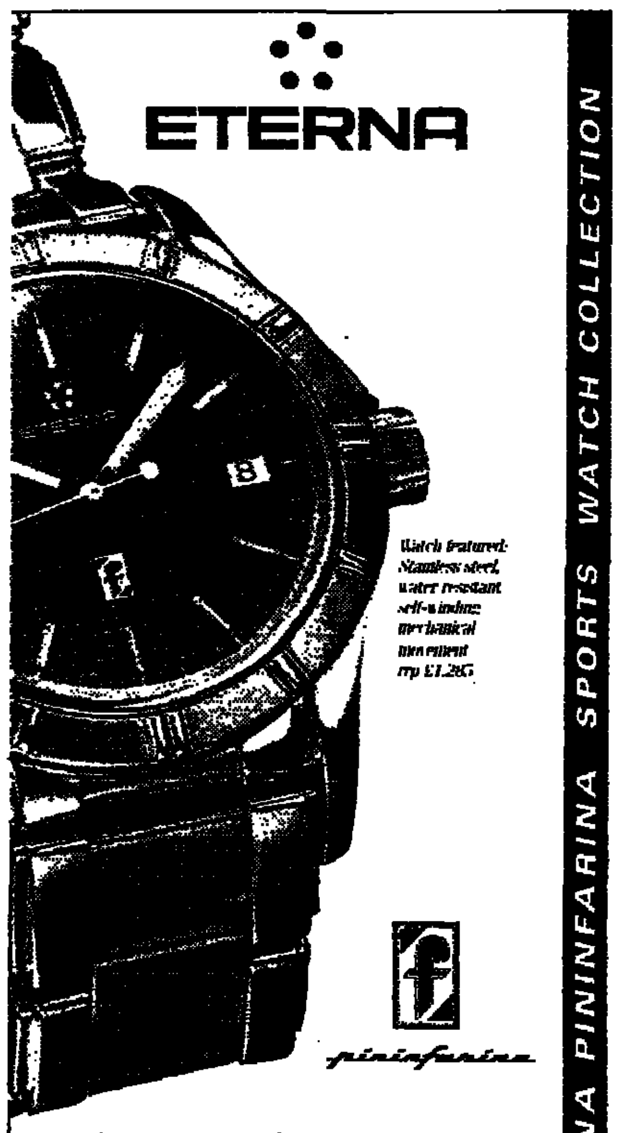

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Losers, winners and the merely alienated

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

It's not often you see a metaphor made flesh, but if you ever desired to see one, last night's **Modern Times: Going for Broke** (BBC2) was happy to oblige. The story was simple: Keith Sinclair's market-leading horse-box business in Lincolnshire had gone under, but he refused to accept either liquidation or bankruptcy. Instead, against all advice, he planned to sue his bank (Barclays) for mishandling his affairs. A chain-smoker now living alone and embattled in a caravan, Keith was a tiresome, argumentative man, who would settle for nothing less than public recognition of his brilliant achievements in the world of equine transport. Offered practical help, he would refuse it. Shown evidence of awkward facts, he would tear it up. In short, he was a man to drive you mad.

People watching at home, of course, soon recognised that Keith was flogging a dead horse — which was where the astonishing visual metaphor came in. Because in the last quarter of the film, suddenly (literally) an old horse collapsed in Keith's paddock, and Keith tried (literally) to make it get up. "Come on," he urged the big creature, his arms around its neck. Keith loved this horse, you see, and it was dying. He tried again. "Come on." But the horse would not get up, and Keith was powerless. For the first time he shed tears, and his weeping was enough to break your heart. Keith's hard luck story was so badly argued that you often wanted to hit him; but when he tried to lift that horse, he aroused nothing short of pity.

Frustrating and edgy, *Going for Broke* was a fine documentary on an unpromising subject. Keith is the ranter you run away from after two minutes' acquaintance, because he's more concerned to prove a point than improve the situation he's complaining about. *Going for Broke* mainly concerned an episode in Keith's struggle, when Mike, an insolvency expert (and possibly uncanonised saint), offered professional help. But the ungrateful Keith was soon arguing with him. "I built this business up singlehanded! I sold a horse ambulance to the Sultan of Brunei! I have international contacts!" Mike was patient, and brokered with Barclays, but then discovered discrepancies, suspected fraud, and gave up. Helping Keith was like banging your head against a brick wall — and if Mike had decided to perform *that* act literally, we would certainly have understood.

Somebody with equal reason to complain about banks is the eponymous Matt of **Matt's Million** — an enjoyable children's series on ITV, which reached its third episode yesterday. But no unpleasant litigation is in the air here. Banks are very nice to Matt, as are solicitors and Rolls-Royce salesmen. He is a schoolboy with a million quid. And his nature is so sweetly innocent that he doesn't even despise his fawners — which, I have to say, detracts from the moral educative value of the series quite considerably.

How different the story would be, from a Keith Sinclair perspective. Take Matt's big surprise in episode one. A 12-year-old, living with his mother, Matt opens a letter at breakfast and finds a cheque for £1,227,309.87, sent by a firm of solicitors. Why? Well, it turns out that a computer game Matt wrote was sold by the firm without his knowledge, and has now been marketed worldwide!

A young, sincere, Glenn Hoddle lookalike solicitor tells him the story. Apparently the death of a senior partner has brought the matter to light. Given the (hem-hem) irregularities, says Hoddle, do you still want us to handle your business affairs? "Oh yes," enthuses Matt, his eyes like saucers. "You seem to have done an excellent job so far!"

I just hope Keith Sinclair hasn't been watching. At the bank, a smiling manager tells the child that his daily interest is £338. "Hoorah!" says Matt. *Matt's Million* is a very nice series, and young Peter England is a natural star — but I resent the way it makes me feel old and cynical. Those people have ripped you off, Matt! Don't you do copyright at school? And think about it: if you get 10 per cent of every sale in Japan, where does the other 90 go? What does this smarmy Glenn Hoddle man get out of it? Also, don't trust the bank to give you the best rate of interest! Listen to *Money Box* on Radio 4 at the first opportunity! See sense, Matt, before it is too late!

Perhaps the reason for the preposterous success of **The X-Files** (BBC2) is that money (for once) just never enters into it. In most dramas, it's the desire for money or love that drives people to do unpleasant things, whereas in *The X-Files*, it's contact with aliens, or the criminal impulse to preserve unthinkable secrets. So the money motive gets a rest, which is a good thing. In *The X-Files*, the world is still full of corrupt, untrustworthy people, but if the bank manager is mean and distant and forecloses your business, it's because his eyeballs go black in certain lights, and he's hiding something big.

Last night's episode was the first of a two-parter, and followed all the usual rules. In *The X-Files* a man has only to come home and stare unblinking (for half a second) at his own wedding photo, and the viewer jumps automatically to the correct assumption: yawn, yawn, this man's body has been hijacked by aliens. The natural response: "What's going on?" is unsounded in the living rooms of Britain. Yes, to the universal cognoscenti, the deduction is not only obvious, it's also just a minor plot development, which we take in our stride. "So, OK, this man's body has been hijacked by aliens," we huff impatiently, "*but then what?*"

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (82414)
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (T) (13785)
9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (T) (1155582)
9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (4038501)
9.45 KILROY (6864650)
10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (82230)
11.00 NEWS (T) **REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (3564834)
11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW Consumer series (5565747)
11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE Celebrity chat show (1931358)
12.00 NEWS (T) **REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (4979691)
12.05pm SNOWY RIVER — THE MCGREGOR SAGA (3501495)
12.50 A DIFFERENT COUNTRY PRACTICE (30974292)
1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (16872)
1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (52474178)
1.40 NEIGHBOURS (T) (29915834)
2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (1747)
2.30 THE TERRACE (679)
3.00 INCOGNITO (3582)
3.30 LITTLE BEAR (1738872) **3.55** Alvin and the Chipmunks (5189969) **4.20** Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (8519327) **4.35** Smart (7899969) **5.00** Newsround (T) (5440230) **5.10** The Biz (T) (8759037)
5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (T) (989650)
6.00 NEWS (T) and weather (308)
6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (360)
7.00 WATCHDOG Consumer magazine presented by Anne Robinson (5563)
7.30 EASTENDERS Huw and Lenny hit the airwaves, while Alan has more problems at home (T) (872)
8.00 ANIMAL HOSPITAL Rolf Harris rounds off the series on the work of the Harmsworth Animal Hospital (T) (4211)
8.30 2POINT4 CHILDREN Family life sitcom (T) (5178)
9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS (T) **REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (4056)
9.30 THE THIN BLUE LINE DI Grim decides to lead the war against drugs and the station locker room goes unisex. With Rowan Atkinson (T) (98389)
10.00 CROCODILE SHOES: Still I Dream Continuing the story of Jed Shepperd, who this week is more concerned by his sister's future than his own. With Jimmy Nail (872209)
10.55 QUESTION TIME David Dimbleby chairs a live political debate with Northern Ireland Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew, SDLP leader John Hume and the deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, John Taylor (T) (264308)
11.55 CLIVE ANDERSON ALL TALK With Hugh Laurie, Neil Kinnock and Gary Glitter (r) (T) (630872)
12.30am FILM: Murder C. O. D. (1990) with William Devane as a voyeuristic killer who uses sophisticated surveillance equipment to watch and listen to strangers. Directed by Alan Metzger (35612)
2.00 WEATHER (2094029)

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BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: Royal Palaces — Images of Power (7937766) **6.25** Princes and Peoples (7949501) **6.50** Time for You (8253563) **7.15** See Hear Breakfast News (2272650) **7.30** Yakky Duck (5100834) **7.50** Blue Peter (r) (5104650) **8.15** Noddy (5856037) **8.25** Pingu (5847389) **8.35** The Record (6247058) **9.00** The Worried Well (1162872) **9.15** Elephants in Thailand (5663969) **10.00** Playdays (2608501) **10.25** The Fugitive (8442476) **11.15** Phil Silvers (7876704) **11.40** Flash Gordon: Trip to Mars (2181691) **12.00** Hot Wok (71124) **12.30pm** Working Lunch (69245) **1.00** Pingu (82448308) **1.05** Noddy (99913389)
1.15 FILM: Ill Met by Moonlight (1958) Classic war film with Dirk Bogarde (72715389)
3.00 NEWS (7301834) **3.05 WESTMINSTER** (2645872) **3.55** News (6104940)
4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (501)
4.30 READY, STEADY, COOK (785)
5.00 OPRAH WINFREY: Make Your Own Commercial (4888037)
5.40 PRUE LEITH'S TRICKS OF THE TRADE (701969)
5.50 MORE SECRET GARDENS (605747)
6.00 STAR TREK: Deep Space Nine An infant time-bomb arrives on Deep Space Nine (338389)
6.45 QUANTUM LEAP Sam becomes Max, a New York cabbie (r) (T) (476308)
7.30 ANIMAL INSTINCTS The different lifestyles of those who oppose Carla Lane's vision for rural Britain (414) **WALES:** 7.30 The Works 8.00 Roll Over Beethoven
8.00 THE WORKS: The Billion Dollar Hole (2853)
8.30 TOP GEAR Jeremy Clarkson tests the Mercedes SLK Roadster. Plus the experimental, gadget-packed SCC (1360)
9.00 3RD ROCK FROM THE SUN Sitcom about four aliens who assume human form. Dick wonders how the other three have found it easy to make friends when he hasn't (2698)
9.30 THE MIND TRAVELLER Neurologist Oliver Sacks meets Heidi, an eight-year-old whose rare syndrome challenges basic assumptions about what constitutes intelligence (413327)

Philip Jackson stars (10.20pm)

10.20 10 X 10: Woe to the Hunter Short films from new directors (649037)
10.30 NEWSNIGHT (T) (674209)
11.15 LATE REVIEW (678872)
12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (76728)
12.30am THE LEARNING ZONE: Open University **1.30** English, Whose English? **2.00** Believing **4.00** Languages **5.00** Business and Work

CHOICE

The Works: The Billion Dollar Hole
BBC2, 8.00pm (Wales, 7.30pm; Scotland, tomorrow 6.45pm)

Block 37, a three-acre site in downtown Chicago, was earmarked for a glossy new shop and office development. But it is now a derelict eyesore, like a bomb site next to Piccadilly Circus. The story begins in the 1970s. Block 37 was rubbing along, with several viable businesses, but the city's Mayor, Richard J. Daley, was determined to pull it down and start again. There were legal obstacles but the niceties of the law had never worried Daley. A developer moved in, a famous architect was hired. But compensation claims from the former owners caused a six-year delay. The project was finally in place just in time for a real estate crash. Billions of dollars of public and private money have been lost and pessimists fear the site will remain empty for ever.

Women At Play: Battle Axes
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The choice for women members of the Sealed Knot, the society which re-enacts battles of the English Civil War, is either to assume a male identity and join the soldiery or to settle for being courtesans. Made amid preparations for the Battle of Torrington, Emma Black's film reveals that both roles have their appeal. "We are very bossy," says "Captain" Gill Walker, " and men worry about it." During one of her military escapades she was likened to Margaret Thatcher. She took it as a compliment. Dr Rachel Hahn also relishes the idea of being a man for a weekend. She turned to the Sealed Knot to keep herself sane when she was working 108-hour weeks in a hospital. As for Karin Keeley, cast as a very classy courtesan, she reckons that the 17th century offered a sad life for women without money. But she would like to have been Charles II's mistress.

Hillsborough
ITV, 9.00pm and 10.40pm

Jimmy McGovern, the creator of *Cracker*, presents in his typically forthright style a drama-documentary about the Hillsborough football tragedy in which 96 fans died. To make a sprawling story manageable McGovern concentrates on the experiences of three bereaved families, and particularly the Hickses who lost both their daughters. He shows how their grief was compounded by the way they were treated by the authorities. Drawing on the verdict of the Taylor report, McGovern leaves no doubt that the police handling of the crowd was largely to blame for the tragedy. Perhaps more controversially, he suggests that the police did their best afterwards to disguise the truth. The cast includes well-known faces such as Ricky Tomlinson and Christopher Eccleston (both from *Cracker*), Annabelle Apsion and Rachel Davies.

10 X 10: Woe to the Hunter
BBC2, 10.20pm

Tonight's ten-minute film is by G. F. Newman, who hardly qualifies for this series as a new writer but is making his debut as a director. The author of such abrasive dramas as *Law and Order* and *The Nation's Health* here tackles a theme which has nothing to do with his usual role as a merciless critic of British institutions. It is a moody and enigmatic piece featuring Philip Jackson as a farmer meeting three hunters for a shoot on his land. At least this is what gradually emerges from a series of unnerving images which have more in common with a horror film than a tale of innocent rural recreation. With virtually no dialogue it is left to the spooky lighting and sound effects to create the tension and maintain it to the end. **Peter Waymark**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7194969)
9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (4013292)
9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2685650)
10.00 THE TIME . . . THE PLACE With John Stapleton (61834)
10.30 THIS MORNING (60931359)
12.20 REGIONAL NEWS
12.30 ITN NEWS (T) (9910414)
12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (9995105)
1.25 CORONATION STREET (T) (3706178)
2.00 HOME AND AWAY (T) (86117768)
2.25 CROSS WITS (T) (77662853)
2.50 VANESSA (T) (3998414)
3.20 ITN NEWS (T) (7318124)
3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (7317495)
3.30 THE RIDDLERS (2307637) **3.40** Wizadora (1491018) **3.50** The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries (T) (8707673) **4.05** Scooby Doo (r) (2211766) **4.15** Name That Toon! (T) (1097495) **4.40** Out of Sight (T) (1070969)
5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (7574037)
5.40 ITN NEWS (T) (789747)
6.00 HOME AND AWAY (985495)
6.25 REGIONAL NEWS (150698)
7.00 EMMERDALE Kelly tells Viv she wants nothing more to do with her (T) (s) (3719)
7.30 THE BIG STORY With Dermot Murnaghan (940)
8.00 THE BILL: Paying for It Beech and Rawton investigate when it seems that a father has been assaulted by his son , only to uncover a more shocking family secret (T) (6679)
8.30 IS IT LEGAL? Indecision The last episode of the series includes takeover bids, scandalous office love scenes and moral dilemmas for the staff of the Hounslow solicitors' office (T) (8414)

Re-enacting Hillsborough (9.00pm)

9.00 HILLSBOROUGH A docu-drama with Christopher Eccleston, Ricky Tomlinson, Annabelle Apsion, Rachel Davies, Mark Womack and Tracey Wilkinson. Continues after the news (7495)
10.00 ITN NEWS AT TEN (76679)
10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (T) (278211)
10.40 HILLSBOROUGH Continues and concludes (253292)
11.40 HUNTER McCall investigates a scam whereby models are used to lure businessmen into hotel rooms where they are drugged and robbed (121312)
12.40am THE WAR OF THE WORLDS (6481525)
1.35 NOT FADE AWAY (5680411)
2.35 FLUX (6937709)
3.35 LATE & LOUD (8584032)
4.30 THE TIME . . . THE PLACE (89029)
5.00 THE NEW MR & MRS SHOW (79902)
5.30 ITN MORNING NEWS (64983)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (9995105)
1.25 CROSS WITS (30546766)
1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (29929037)
2.20 VANESSA (82517704)
2.50-3.20 HIGH ROAD (3998414)
5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7574037)
6.25 CENTRAL NEWS (993414)
6.55-7.00 LIFELINE (756230)
11.40 CRIME STORY (121312)
12.40am NEIL YOUNG LIVE AT THE PHOENIX FESTIVAL (4866506)
1.40 PLANET ROCK PROFILES (3132709)
2.10 NOT FADE AWAY (8051457)
3.05 FLUX (6385362)
4.00 JOBFINDER (5723148)
5.20 ASIAN EYE (1243612)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 EMMERDALE (9995105)
1.25 CROSSWITS (30546766)
1.55 HOME AND AWAY (21552018)
2.25 VANESSA (83967245)
2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (3180394)
5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7574037)
6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (19740)
11.40 PRISONER CELL BLOCK H (121312)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55 CROSS WITS (9995105)
1.25 HOME AND AWAY (30546766)
1.55 SHORTLAND STREET (29929037)
2.20 VANESSA (82517704)
2.50-3.20 HOUSEPARTY (3998414)
5.10 HOME AND AWAY (7574037)
6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (476)
6.30-7.00 ANYTHING YOU CAN DO (376)
11.40 BAYWATCH (121312)
4.30am BEYOND REASON (89029)
5.00 FREESCREEN (79902)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.55pm CROSS WITS (9995105)
1.25 HOME AND AWAY (30546766)
1.55 JUSTICE OF THE LAND (29929037)
2.20 VANESSA (82517704)
2.50-3.20 PERFECTLY PETS (3998414)
5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7574037)
6.30-7.00 ANGLIA NEWS (376)
11.40 HIGHLANDER (121312)

S4C

Starts: 6.35am PRO STARS (8267766) 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (56245) 9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (86056) 9.30 Film: SHOWBOAT (82259) 11.30 THE LIVING SEA (8259) 12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE (66292) 12.30pm TRUMPTON (91015853) 12.45 ALFIE ATKINS (91010308) 1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN (19762) 1.30 MONGO MAKONGO (32674376) 1.40 Film: BLUES IN THE NIGHT (40339056) 3.15 RICKI LAKE (9720679) 4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (969) 4.30 RIDE ON (853) 5.00 5 PUMP (8037) 5.30 COUNTDOWN (105) 6.00 NEWYDDION (884327) 6.05 HENO (996501) 6.35 SION A SIAN (145940) 7.00 POBOL Y CWM (263105) 7.25 PENBLWYDD HAPUS (438308) 8.00 EDEN (7921) 8.30 NEWYDDION (6056) 9.00 BYWYD COLL LLOYD GEORGE (705259) 9.45 Film: THE DEER HUNTER (31238872) 1.05am DISPATCHES (7910341)

CHANNEL 4

6.35 am PRO STARS (8267766) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (56245) **9.00** Here's One I Made Earlier (86056)
9.30 FILM: Showboat (1936, b/w) Classic Oscar Hammerstein/Jerome Kern musical starring Irene Dunn, Allan Jones and Paul Robeson. Directed by James Whale (T) (82259)
11.30 THE LIVING SEA How ocean animals attack or defend themselves (T) (s) (8259) **12.00** House To House (66292) **12.30pm** Trumpton (91015853) **12.45** Alfie Atkins (91010308) **1.00** Sesame Street (99018)
2.00 FILM: Golden Girl (1951). A musical drama starring Mitzi Gaynor. Directed by Lloyd Bacon (T) (4308)
4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (T) (s) (969)
4.30 COUNTDOWN (T) (s) (853)
5.00 RICKI LAKE (T) (s) (2648785)
5.45 POND LIFE (T) (s) (779360)
6.00 NEW GAMESMASTER With Dominik Diamond and Patrick Moore (s) (178)
6.30 HOLLYOAKS The news about Rob is all over the papers (T) (s) (698)
7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (T) (s) and weather (552327)
7.50 THE SLOT (503495)

Women playing men (8.00pm)

8.00 WOMEN AT PLAY: BATTLE AXES A look at some of the female members of Britain's largest re-enactment society. (T) (7921)
8.30 TV DINNERS Food series presented by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall. This week the art critic Celia Lyttleton prepares sculptured dishes (T) (s) (6056)
9.00 DISPATCHES An investigation into how millions of pounds of taxpayers' money has been wasted paying excessive prices for the slaughter of cattle over 30 months old (T) (s) (705259)
9.45 THE LLOYDS BANK CHANNEL 4 FILM CHALLENGE: RHYTHMS Judy Flynn stars as a woman suffering from post-natal depression (T) (s) (518308)
10.00 FILM: Backbeat (1993) starring Stephen Dorff. The award-winning story of the fifth Beatle, Stuart Sutcliffe, written and directed by Iain Softley. With Ian Hart and Stephen Dorff (T) (s) (638105)
11.55 FILM: The Hours and the Times An imaginary weekend in the life of Brian Epstein and John Lennon in Barcelona. As in *Backbeat*, Ian Hart takes on the role of Lennon (r) (T) (111292)
1.00 am MOVIEWATCH Young critics give their views on new film releases (r) (3785885)
1.35 THE NIGHTMARE YEARS (r) (T) (s) (465186)
3.20 PLAY MAS The role of masks in the Trinidad carnival (r) (66270322)
3.35 FILM: All Fall Down (1962, b/w). Drama starring Warren Beatty (908032). Ends at 5.30

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

7.00am Love Connection (4870679) **7.20** Press Your Luck (4683143) **7.40** Jeopardy! (3800563) **8.10** Hotel (5255360) **9.00** Another World (1606573) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (7505785) **10.40** Real TV (4435698) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (9067698) **12.00** Geraldo (33476) **1.00pm** 1 to 3 (74637) **3.00** Jenny Jones (49563) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (68698) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7150) **6.00** New Adventures of Superman (22360) **7.00** Simpsons (8679) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4105) **8.00** Sightings (89679) **9.00** Nash Bridges (92143) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (95230) **11.00** New Adventures of Superman (46037) **12.00** L.A.P.D. (60852) **12.30am** Real TV (67508) **1.00** Hit Mix (63964)

SKY 2

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (1653698) **8.00** Police Rescue (1639018) **9.00** Frankie's House (1632105) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (1060282) **12.00 FILM: The Last of His Tribe** (2479438) **2.00am** Hit Mix (8476902)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Kitty Foyle (1940) (65414) **8.00** Sky Riders (1976) (74673) **10.00** Eight Seconds (1994) (49299698) **11.55** The Slipper and the Rose (1976) (59783853) **2.15pm** A Mother's Story (1982) (587786) **4.00** The In-Crowd (1988) (5582) **6.00** Dad, the Angel and Me (1995) (29085853) **7.40** US Top 10 (344679) **8.00** The Brady Bunch Movie (1995) (11176) **9.30** The Movie Show (52501) **10.00** Roswell (1994) (342921) **11.35** Romeo Is Bleeding (1993) (325414) **1.25am** Dead Air (1994) (636612) **3.00** Harry and Tonto (1974) (78896)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Scarlet Flower (1991) (17143) **7.30** Samson and Sally (10230) **8.30** Perils of Problemina (1995) (84094) **10.00** Wake Up and Dream (1946) (56327) **12.00** The Other Woman (1995) (25056) **2.00pm** Runaway Express (1992) (84124) **4.00** Sherlock Holmes: Sign of Four (1983) (7237476) **4.50** Samson and Sally (2296211) **6.00** Johnny's Girl (1995) (84360) **8.00** Grumpy Old Men (1993) (76105) **10.00** Interview with the Vampire (1994) (28191230) **12.05am** Red Shoe Diaries: How I Met My Husband (1995) (8669322) **1.30** A Dangerous Affair (1994) (512893) **3.05** Malone (1987) (424070) **4.40** The Scarlet Flower (1991) (44884167)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Batman (1966) (45570256) **5.55** Supergirl (1984) (16920872) **8.00** Catch-22 (1970) (3387940) **10.00** The Deep (1977) (89698940) **12.10am** Bachelor Party (1957) (6551235) **1.45** Frankenstein Created Woman (1966) (1991999) **3.20** Mutiny on the Bounty (1935) (17426167)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm.
6.00am Mouse Tracks (4326969) **6.25** Quack Attack (4305476) **6.50** Bonkers (9219056) **7.15** Darkwing Duck (8845359) **7.40** Aladdin (3606056) **8.05** Goof Troop (3107327) **8.30** Timon and Pumbaa (3427360) **8.40** Sing Me a Story (8367389) **9.05** Groundling Marsh (5904389) **9.30** Big Garage (3416476) **9.45** Lamb Chop (213018) **10.15** Muppet Babies (1011722) **10.40** Wonderland (7821953) **11.10** Mouse Tracks (8356650) **11.40** Under the Umbrella Tree (8511211) **12.10pm** Fraggle Rock (3159872) **12.35** Lamb Chop (1738476) **1.05** Goof Troop (82490143) **1.30** Aladdin (94645360) **1.55** Darkwing Duck (94660679) **2.25** Bonkers (88146143) **2.50** Quack Attack (3531230) **3.20** Timon and Pumbaa (9057766) **3.30** Goof Troop (7138360) **3.55** Timon and Pumbaa (1543679) **4.05** Goof Troop (3739151) **4.35** Bonkers (2626650) **5.00** Aladdin (7850850) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (3170679) **5.35** Darkwing Duck (164414) **6.00** Bone Chillers (1679) **6.30** Blossom (5259) **7.00** Home Improvement (5389) **7.30 FILM:** Iron Will (37872) **9.30-10.00** Golden Girls (66853)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (73105) **7.30** Wrestling (47308) **8.30** Racing News (90308) **9.00** Sports Centre (74360) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (28679) **10.00** Grass Roots Rugby (65698) **10.30** Rebel Sports (86312) **11.00** Sports Unlimited (61360) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (94124) **12.30pm** Futbol Mundial (23495) **1.00** Golf: Australian Open (945018) **4.00** Grass Roots Rugby (3768) **4.30** Futbol Mundial (9292) **4.59** Sports Centre (2295834) **5.00** Wrestling (6921) **6.00** Sports Centre (8835) **6.30** Netbusters (92132) **7.30** World of Sailing (8691) **7.59** Sports Centre (777018) **8.00** Tennis: Grand Slam Cup (12921) **10.00** Sports Centre (95853) **10.30** Tight Lines (40747) **11.30** Beach Volleyball (44969) **12.30pm** Sports Centre (88362) **1.00** Netbusters (61099) **2.00-2.30** Sports Centre (81341)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm Fishing: Tight Lines (8947921) **9.00** Spanish Football (6857308) **11.00** Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (3193327) **12.30am** Rugby Union Hall of Fame: Andy Haden (7636089)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Beach Volleyball (43992105) **1.00pm** Grass Roots Rugby (60987853) **1.30** Watersports World (72011679) **2.30** Mountain Bikes (83131360) **3.00** Tennis: Grand Slam Cup — Live (42688292) **7.00** Sports Centre (41449476) **7.30** League Review (58260501) **8.30** Women's Golf: LPGA Tour Championships (38904292) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (94697389)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Equestrianism: Volvo World Cup (32476) **8.30** Olympic Magazine (85476) **9.00** Bobsleigh: World Cup (60143) **11.00** Motorsports (96056) **12.00** World Cup Legends (36698) **1.00pm** Snowboarding (90872) **1.30** In-Line Skating (16834) **2.00** Figure Skating: Champions Series (22308) **4.00** Tennis: Brno Exhibition — Live (99582) **5.00** FIFA Futsal World Championship (38835) **7.00** Sumo (88097) **9.00** Football: UEFA Cup Third Round Second Leg (55560) **11.00** Sailing (80211) **11.30-12.30am** Show Jumping (39037)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am Runway (5113679) **6.30** Once Upon a Time (29780308) **6.45** Our Backyard (82280501) **7.00** Alphabet Zoo (7681476) **7.15** Once Upon a Time (8686056) **7.30** The Return of the Antelope (1664853) **8.00** Classic Coronation Street (1985124) **8.30** Runway (1984495) **9.00** Families (1975747) **9.30** Albion Market (5495650) **10.00** Goostrey, a Village (6498766) **10.30** Leave It to Charlie (1904259) **11.00** Love for Lydia (1673501) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (1968211) **12.30pm** Surgical Spirit (5406766) **1.00** The Practice (1651389) **1.30** Families (5405037) **2.00** After the War (6489495) **3.00** Leave It to Charlie (1075747) **3.30** All in a Day's Work (1868650) **4.00** Sam (2519292) **5.00** Love for Lydia (1099327) **6.00** Classic Coronation Street (1864834) **6.30** Families (1888414) **7.00** Holding the Fort (1090056) **7.30** Surgical Spirit (1884698) **8.00** Sam (8807921) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (2330501) **9.35** Good Life Guide (2398308) **10.00-11.00** Shades of Darkness **From 11.00pm-2.00am Men and Motors**

Adam West as the Caped Crusader (Sky Gold 4.00pm)

GRANADA GOOD LIFE

From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Street. Includes consumer news and features
From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine. Includes recipes and ideas from Delia Smith
From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty. Includes Natural Health
From 3.00-6.00 Home and Garden. Includes The Good Life Style Guide

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography: Marilyn Monroe (2272414) **5.00** Hollywood (1938143) **6.00** The War in the East (4418698) **7.00-8.00** Biography: FDR (6961501)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from **8pm-4am** Monday to Wednesday and **1am-4am** Thursday to Sunday on satellite, and from **8am-4am** every day on cable
1.00am The Twilight Zone (5985728) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (6559780) **2.00** New Alfred Hitchcock (3497506) **2.30** Night Gallery (3409341) **3.00** Friday the 13th (5379254) **3.55-4.00** Quarks (78722457)

TLC/DISCOVERY

9.00am The Joy of Painting (4060230) **9.30** The Great Gardening Fair (2344969) **10.00** Go Fishing (3622037) **10.30** House Style (4066414) **11.00** The Restoration Game (1748105) **11.30** Craftwise (1749834) **12.00** Two's Country Cooking (4057766) **12.30pm** Graham Kerr (2348785) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (1398563) **1.30** Home Again with Bob Vila (2347056) **2.00** Furniture to Go (7208308) **2.30** Secret Gardens (8541940) **3.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (7210143) **3.30-4.00** This Old House with Steve and Norm (8553785)
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4.00pm Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (8532292) **4.30** Roadshow (8539476) **5.00** Time Travellers (7282360) **5.30** Terra X. The Lost Worlds Part Two (8552056) **6.00** Wild Things (2323476) **7.00** Next Step (7202124) **7.30** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious Universe (8539105) **8.00** The Professionals (1066582) **9.00** Top Marques 2 (1768969) **9.30** Fightline (2328921) **10.00** Classic Wheels (1056105) **11.00** The Astronomers (1398940) **12.00** Until Something Breaks (8585254) **1.00am** The Extremists (5933099) **1.30** The Specialists 2 (7393167)

UK GOLD

7.00am Going for Gold (2059495) **7.35** Crossroads (2753834) **8.00** Neighbours (9307414) **8.25** EastEnders (2755308) **9.00** The Bill (4039360) **9.30** One by One (8223495) **10.30** The Sullivans (4068872) **11.00** Softly Softly: Task Force (1386105) **12.00** Crossroads (40975921) **12.25pm** Neighbours (40985308) **12.55** EastEnders (1978105) **1.30** Terry and June (1348360) **2.10** A Little Bit of Emery (28425292) **2.20** Brush Strokes (1100766) **3.00** Sale of the Century (7212501) **3.30** The Bill (8555143) **4.00** Howards' Way (1764143) **5.00** EastEnders (6462785) **5.35** Crossroads (6392834) **6.00** Get Some In! (8551327) **6.30** Ever Decreasing Circles (7638292) **7.05** Bob's Full House (6242124) **7.45** The Other One (9674389) **8.20** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV (2088785) **9.00** The Equalizer (1065476) **10.00** The Bill (4423211) **10.35** The Young Ones (5953747) **11.15** Taggart (3358501) **12.20am** Rowland Rivron Bites the Bullet (3871438) **12.45 FILM: Desperately Seeking Susan** (6756544) **2.25** Shopping at Night (15548631)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (4306563) **6.20** Meltdown: No Naked Flames (4319679) **6.45** Halfway across the Galaxy and Turn Left (787018) **7.15** Ready or Not (717259) **7.45** California Dreams (709230) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (221037) **8.45** Art Attack (9730211) **9.00** Tiny TCC (until 3.00pm) Tiny and Crew (9016940) **9.20** Brum (9003476) **9.40** Johnson and Friends (3380489) **10.00** Robin and Rosie of Cockleshell Bay (4166691) **10.20** Philbert the Frog (6724495) **10.40** Charlie Chalk (4611037) **11.00** Dinobabies (24292) **11.30** Jim Henson's Animal Show (25921) **12.00** Barney (21292) **12.30pm** Where's Wally? (58583) **1.00** Casper and Friends (71872) **1.30** Tiny and Crew (94658834) **1.55** Johnson and Friends (41139766) **2.20** Bump (36547891) **2.40** Mr Benn (5914209) **3.00** Halfway across the Galaxy and Turn Left (9582) **3.30** Ready or Not (8969) **4.00** California Dreams (7476) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (6360)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (86766) **6.30** Biker Mice from Mars (32360) **7.00** Rocko's Modern Life (5503489) **7.15** Hey Arnold (7575853) **7.30** Rugrats (83582) **8.00** Doug (99679) **8.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (81650) **9.00** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (88330) **9.30** Wishbone (19921) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (7200124) **10.10** Katie and Orbie (3551766) **10.35** Mr Men (2324414) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (2304650) **11.00** Clarissa Explains It All (13940) **12.30pm** Sister Sister (20037) **1.00** Babar (70018) **1.30** Katie and Orbie (29308) **2.00** Little Bear Stories (1476) **2.30** Stickin Around (56037) **4.00** Bruno the Kid (1650) **4.30** Rugrats (8467259) **4.45** Doug (8455414) **5.00** Sister Sister (5056) **5.30** Moesha (1414) **6.00** Round the Twist (8327) **6.30** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (9679)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diff'rent Strokes (5292) **7.30** Benson (8563) **8.00** Due South (16747) **9.00** Almost Perfect (91940) **9.30** Taxi (33501) **10.00** Entertainment UK (93495) **10.30** Girls on Top (38853) **11.00** Manmade News (41835) **11.30** Nightstand (35211) **12.30am** Sledge Hammer! (88344) **1.00** Due South (52341) **2.00** Entertainment UK (89963) **2.30** Manmade News (68490) **3.00** Girls on Top (27186) **3.30** Almost Perfect (82070)

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (2321018) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (2330766) **2.00** Automan (9610292) **3.00** The Champions (1747476) **4.00 FILM: The Name of the Game** (7218785) **6.00** Thunderbirds (2343230) **7.00** The Champions (1044360) **8.00** Starsky and Hutch (1060308) **9.00** Crime Story (1073872) **10.00-12.00 FILM: The Stepfather** (1746747)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (1660327) **7.00** The Agony Experience (1397872) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (3669650) **8.20** Food and Drink (1555476) **8.55** Turnabout (8850582) **9.35** Trivial Pursuit (3256786) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (6829037) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (1320259) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (1029650) **11.55** Brookside (22650785) **12.25pm** Call the Doctor (40446056) **12.50** Gabrielle (2020105) **1.40** Rolonda (9697018) **2.30** The Agony Experience (2561414) **3.00** Live at Three (5503582) **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? (2552766) **4.30** Talkabout (2719785) **5.05** Lingo (45398292) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (2565230) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (2562143) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (6189835) **7.05** Brookside (4488563) **7.35** Style Challenge (4029308) **8.00** General Practice (3381766) **9.00 FILM: Letting Go** (26057698) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (8268143) **11.00** The Spicy Sex Files (1273292)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00am Blockbusters (1327) **5.30** Treasure Hunt (20582) **6.30** Catchphrase (8105) **7.00** The Pyramid Game (1563) **7.30** Hart to Hart (42389) **8.30** Duty Free (6018) **9.00** Bergerac (72327) **10.00** Stay Lucky (75414) **11.00** Rising Damp (49501) **11.30** Evening Shade (20650) **12.00** Lou Grant (91186) **1.00pm** Bergerac (21065) **2.00** Hart to Hart (96490) **3.00** Lou Grant (33380) **4.00** All Together Now (25709) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (57341)

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7.00am Jaagran **7.30** Lifestyle East **8.30** Pakistan Business Update **9.00** Hit Thi Hai **9.30** Your Zindagi **10.00** Bharat Ek Khoj **11.00** Shaki **11.30** Banegi Apni Baat **12.00** Dastaan **12.30pm** Nukkad **1.00** Hindi Movie: Ek Naya Itihas **4.00** ZEE Top 10 **5.00** ZEE Zone **5.30** Kya Scene Hai **6.00** Yoodle As Oo **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Ten Bhi Chup Men Bhi Chup **7.30** Cinemagic **8.00** News, Euronews **8.30** Andaz **9.00** Jaal **9.30** Hasratain **10.00** Commander **10.30** Chehre **11.00** Zee Horror Show **11.30-12.00** Aap Ki Farmaish

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9.00pm Foreign Affairs (1992) (41390969) **11.00** Murder, She Said (1962) (32867124) **12.35am** Colorado Territory (1949) (10856341) **2.20-5.00** Foreign Affairs (1992) (61936964)

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Prospect of embarrassing defeat recedes as Croft and Tufnell strike

Spinners help England to turn the corner

From Simon Wilde in Harare

HARARE (second day of four): Mashonaland, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 82 runs ahead of England

A COLLAPSE in the lower half of the Mashonaland batting order may not exactly be cause for national rejoicing, but it could mark a turning point on the tour of Zimbabwe. England still face an uphill battle to avoid an embarrassing defeat at the hands of the provincial side in the weakest Test country in the world, but one session of good cricket — plus the benefit of some poor umpiring — may finally have sparked them out of their somnambulance.

An hour after tea on the second day of their match at Harare Sports Club, England were 61 runs in arrears and, having spent nearly five hours in broiling heat, with virtually nothing to show for it, striking sorry figures in the field. The only consolation was that the ball had begun to turn and Tufnell and Croft to exert a measure of control.

Then Tufnell claimed the wicket of David Houghton, Croft removed Paul Strang, primarily a leg spinner (with an important part to play today) but with a Test century against Pakistan to his name, and the collapse had begun. In the space of nine overs, six wickets fell for 17 runs, two of them to Tufnell and four to Croft, whose spell read 6-3-5-4. Earlier in the day, he was top scorer in the England innings of 197 with an unbeaten 80.

At the close, Mashonaland — at one time 258 for three — were thus 279 for nine, a lead of 82. However, with the ball turning sharply by the end of the day, Houghton, the Zimbabwe coach, felt that a target of 200 in the fourth innings would be extremely difficult to reach. He also expressed surprise that the pitch was turning, as the pitches here are notoriously unresponsive.

Taylor measures up 42
Saqlain dazzles 42

Even if England win this match, Zimbabwe have struck some important psychological blows in advance of the Test series, and many of them were inflicted yesterday by the rapier-like blade of Houghton, who played a marvellously calculated innings of 110 from 141 balls. "I wanted to put a point across," he said later. "I wanted to tell England that we are not afraid of your bowling." He did that all right.

For three hours he won the battle with each bowler in turn, never allowing them to settle into their rhythm. He danced down the wicket to drive Mullally for four when the fast bowler began a new spell, and astonishingly repeated the manoeuvre to reverse-sweep Croft. He reached both his half-century and his century with hoisted sixes, off Tufnell and Croft respectively.

He may be 39 years old, but there are few better batsmen in the world today than Houghton, who averages 48 from 18 Test matches — not bad for a man who began playing Tests at 35, an age when most players are past their best, if not in retirement. If England are to win a Test match here, they must find a way of removing him cheaply.

Further encouragement for Zimbabwe came with the form of Alistair Campbell, their captain, who scored an aggressive 55, and Craig Wishart, who averages 12 from six Test appearances but looked completely unfazed in making 45, at least until the ball started to turn sharply.

Well as their two spinners bowled, England enjoyed more than their share of luck. Grant Flower was leg-before to Tufnell when his front leg was well down the pitch, and Croft later experienced similar joy against Brent. But it was the dismissal of Campbell that caused most controversy, as he apparently got his bat nowhere near the ball that flew — via his pad and Stewart's body — to Hussain at slip. Campbell walked off at funereal pace and not before asking one of the two Indian umpires on what grounds he had been given out.

England were fortunate in another respect, too. During the afternoon, the ball went out of shape and was replaced by one that was, apparently, considerably older. However, the first delivery bowled with it turned sharply and, from that point on, Tufnell and Croft took control.

The performances of the England seamers were less encouraging. Gough, who left the field briefly after tea because of further problems with his blistered feet, bowled well early on but his success in discomfiting Carlisle with the short ball led him to pitch too short later, a fault of which Caddick was also guilty.

They had clearly learnt nothing from watching Kirtley, who claimed the last England wicket to complete excellent figures of five for 53. What England must do now is bat well today.

CLIVE MASON / ALLSPORT

Tufnell looks down on his luck as Houghton races to his century for Mashonaland in Harare yesterday

SCOREBOARD FROM HARARE

ENGLAND XI: First Innings

N V Knight run out	6
*M A Atherton c D J R Campbell b Kirtley	2
†A J Stewart b B C Strang	1
N Hussain b Kirtley	2
G P Thorpe c Houghton b Matambanadzo	35
J P Crawley run out	25
R D B Croft not out	80
D Gough c D J R Campbell b Kirtley	2
A R Caddick c D J R Campbell b Brent	19
A D Mullally c Brent b Kirtley	3
P C R Tufnell c D J R Campbell b Kirtley	6
Extras (lb 6, w 3, nb 7)	16
Total	197

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-4, 3-7, 4-27, 5-63, 6-88, 7-94, 8-125, 9-145

BOWLING: Kirtley 25 1-4-53-5; B C Strang 19-2-52-1, Brent 8-1-20-1; P A Strang 16-5-30-0; Matambanadzo 6-0-34-1; Flower 1-0-2-0.

MASHONALAND: First Innings

G W Flower lbw b Tufnell	28
S V Carlisle c and b Gough	9
*A D R Campbell c Hussain b Tufnell	55
D L Houghton c and b Tufnell	110
C B Wishart c Crawley b Croft	45
P A Strang c Crawley b Croft	6
†D J R Campbell c Hussain b Croft	8
G B Brent lbw b Croft	1
B C Strang lbw b Tufnell	0
D Matambanadzo not out	2
R J Kirtley not out	2
Extras (lb 6, nb 7)	13
Total (9 wkts)	279

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-80, 3-142, 4-258, 5-266, 6-267, 7-274, 8-275, 9-275

BOWLING: Mullally 12-2-42-0; Gough 16-3-43-1; Caddick 10-2-46-0; Tufnell 24-6-77-4; Croft 21-3-65-4.

Umpires: K Kanjee and D Kalan.

Mansell to have test drive for Jordan next week

By Our Sports Staff

NIGEL MANSELL will test drive a Jordan-Peugeot next week in a move that increases the chances of him returning to Formula One next season. Mansell accepted an invitation to drive the car in Barcelona next Wednesday and Thursday after meeting Eddie Jordan, the team owner, at Silverstone yesterday.

Mansell, the former world champion, last drove a Formula One car at the 1995 Spanish Grand Prix in Barcelona, ending a two-race comeback with McLaren-Mercedes. Jordan first contacted him after they lost out to TWR Arrows for the signature of Damon Hill for 1997.

Mansell said: "It's 20 years since Eddie and I raced against each other in Formula Ford. We are old friends and I am delighted to have this opportunity to reacquaint myself with a Formula One car."

Jordan added: "I've asked Nigel several times over the years to drive one of my cars, but the timing wasn't right. Now it is. There's no commitment from either party beyond this test. Nigel is Britain's most successful Formula One driver of all time and it's an honour for everyone at Jordan Grand Prix to give him this run."

Mansell, 43, has indicated he would be prepared to return to Formula One, or IndyCar racing in the United States, for the right offer. He won the Formula One and IndyCar championships in successive years in 1992-93, and has amassed a total of 31 grand prix victories.

Jordan are looking for an experienced driver to race alongside Ralf Schumacher, the younger brother of the twice world champion, Michael, who said: "I think Ralf will be really good with Mansell and nothing could be better for him. Mansell still has a lot of things to give which Ralf can learn from."

However, Schumacher also offered a warning to Mansell. "Once he has been back for one or two races he is going to get bored because his car is not one in which he can win races," he said.

Mansell's ill-fated return in 1995 was delayed, embarrassingly, when the cockpit of his McLaren proved to be too small for him and had to be remodelled.

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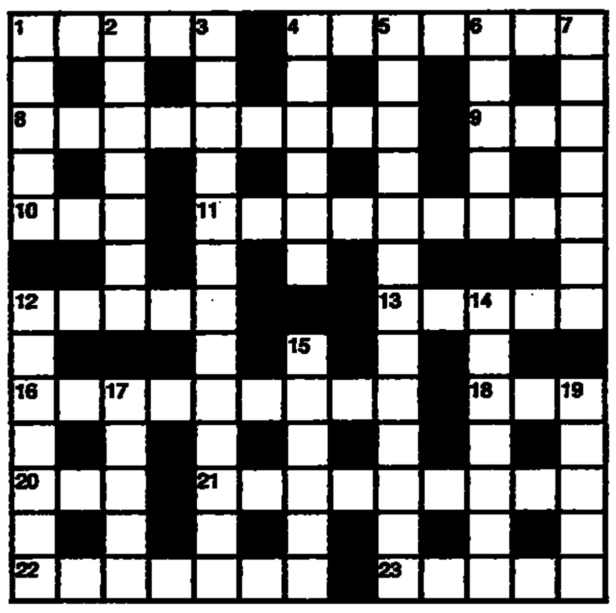

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1 Head tuft (5)
4 Financially-aided student (7)
8 Substitute for hard, direct word (9)
9 Public service vehicle (3)
10 Nature god; cooking vessel (3)
11 Without pause (9)
12 Hostile investment (5)
13 Animal, sounds like *husky* (5)
16 Personal driver (9)
18 Recline; tell story (3)
20 Mysterious sight in sky (1,1,1)
21 How the unfussy take tea (2,2,5)
22 Irish death-portending spirit (7)
23 Front fold of jacket (5)

DOWN
1 Despicable person; go silently (5)
2 Delete (7)
3 Five-husband Canterbury pilgrim (3,4,2,4)
4 Pain in side; one made with needle (6)
5 Of half-globe shape (13)
6 Star sign, the *Balance* (5)
7 Badge of circle of ribbon (7)
12 Be overcome, give in (7)
14 Coiled herring fillet (7)
15 Specify meaning of (6)
17 To decorate (5)
19 Blackboard support (5)

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Case dismissed as Brighton manager

By Russell Kempson

JIMMY CASE, the Brighton manager, was dismissed yesterday, plunging the bottom club in the Nationwide League deeper into turmoil. It has no ground to call its own, no apparent prospects and, now, no manager. The Goldstone Ground, scene of so many crowd protests this season and last, is likely to witness further disturbances in the wake of Case's unexpected departure.

Though Brighton lie nine points adrift at the foot of the third division, Case, 42, the former Liverpool midfield player, was held largely blameless by the club's supporters. He took on a thankless task when he succeeded Liam Brady in November last year and has had to try to manage against a backdrop of increasing anger aimed at the Brighton board.

Most of it has been directed at Bill Archer, the Brighton chairman, and Derek Bellotti, the chief executive. Fans claim that the pair have not acted in the best interests of the club and that they should allow a consortium headed by Dick Knight, a local businessman, to take over.

At the end of the season Brighton have to leave the Goldstone, which has been sold, and they have announced a ground-sharing agreement with Gillingham that only inflamed the supporters' annoyance. The move is still subject to approval from the Football Association.

Results have matched the chaotic off-the-pitch proceedings, with Brighton having won only three of their 22 league fixtures this season. They were also knocked out of the FA Cup by Sudbury Town, of the Dr Martens League premier division.

After the 3-2 home defeat by Darlington on Tuesday night and more protests from the fans, Case said: "Because of the climate at the club, we are going steadily downhill. Experience in football has told me that, eventually, things turn in your favour. It's so disappointing but I want to see this through."

Yesterday, Bellotti felt unable to grant him his wish. "We want to record our thanks to Jimmy for his efforts and realise his job has been very difficult," Bellotti said.

George Petchey, 64, the former Leyton Orient and Millwall manager, moves from reserve and youth coach to become caretaker manager.

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Chairman spells it out for Emerson

By Peter Ball

ON TUESDAY evening the Middlesbrough programme was advertising a new book about the club's rise from the ashes, called *Doom to Boom*. A guide to the present might add the words *and Back*.

A 2-0 defeat by Leicester City meant Middlesbrough had taken three points out of the last 30, a run that leaves them hovering perilously close to the bottom three. As worrying as these results is the continuing turmoil surrounding Emerson, who again failed to return from a trip home on schedule this week.

Yesterday the club finally lost patience with the errant Brazilian, fining him £100,000 and warning that his battle with the club could cost him his career.

"Emerson has been severely disciplined, and unless his conduct improves, further action will follow," Steve Gibson, the Middlesbrough chairman, said. "He is staying here. If he doesn't comply, he will lose everything and it will cost him his career. He is contracted to us until June 2000, which will leave him nearly 29 years of age."

Emerson, or his wife, Andrea, have insisted that they have been unable to settle on Teesside, and moves to Barcelona to join up with Bobby Robson, his manager at Porto, have been widely rumoured. Middlesbrough appeared to put the lid on that one yesterday, Gibson launching an attack on the Spanish club and Emerson's advisers.

"Barcelona's conduct in this affair requires investigation. We are disappointed by Emerson, but we believe he has been badly advised," Gibson said. "In fact, there has been disgraceful manipulation of the player so that somebody can profit from the sale of Emerson to Barcelona.

"The events have been carefully orchestrated by Emerson's agent, possibly with the permission of Barcelona."

Blackburn Rovers are also finding that European waters can be murky as they continue their search for a manager. Sven-Goran Eriksson, whose contract at Sampdoria expires in the summer, is widely believed to be their first choice, and rumours persisted yesterday that he had visited Blackburn for talks with the chairman, Rob Coar, on Monday.

"The situation is ongoing, and we don't comment on candidates, whether to tick them or cross them off," Coar said in enigmatic fashion last night.

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Military elite call for end to nuclear arms

By Tom Rhodes in Washington and Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

A GLOBAL coalition of retired senior generals and admirals from countries including Britain, America and Russia yesterday issued a joint demand for the complete and irrevocable elimination of the world's nuclear arsenal.

Field Marshal Lord Carver, the former Chief of the Defence Staff, and General Sir Hugh Beach, a member of the UK Security Commission, joined nearly 40 senior officers from America and Russia, including General John Galvin, the former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, and General Aleksandr Lebed in calling for the eventual abolition of nuclear weapons.

In Washington, General Andrew Goodpaster, a former Supreme Allied Commander and adviser to President Eisenhower, joined General Lee Butler, former Commander-in-Chief of the US Strategic Command, in issuing their own joint statement.

The United States and other nations, they said, should take steps to align nuclear weapons policies to match their diminished role and leading to multilateral disarmament as rapidly as possible.

"The ultimate objective of phased reductions should be the complete elimination of nuclear weapons from all nations," they said. "No one can say today whether or when this final goal will prove feasible ... but we believe the time for action is now, for the alternative of inaction could well carry a high price."

The generals added that nuclear weapons were no longer necessary in a post-Cold War world and merely provided an option to respond in kind to any nuclear threat or attack by others, including rogue nations. Other risks included accidents, unauthorised launches, and the theft of weapons or weapons materials by international and domestic terrorist groups. Despite the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, nuclear arms could spread to other nations and cause a war risk.

Conventional capabilities offered a sufficient deterrent and defence against conventional forces and, combined with other defensive measures, could curb the threat of chemical and biological weapons.

Although the former military chiefs are not advocating immediate elimination of all nuclear weapons, they consider that, unless the five official nuclear powers make a substantial gesture in cutting to a minimum their nuclear inventory, countries with the capability to produce nuclear weapons and maverick nations intent on having their own atomic bombs will have no incentive to surrender such ambitions.

The declaration also comes after the agreement on a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, another important development in their view that underlines the need to change longstanding nuclear strategy.

Lord Carver has made clear in the past that he supports a total elimination of nuclear arms. He said recently that nuclear weapons had "no utility as a military weapon". He supports the idea of a phased approach that would begin with taking weapon systems off alert and removing warheads from delivery platforms.

General Lebed, who until his recent sacking was President Yeltsin's National Security Adviser, is joined on the list of signatories by General Boris Gromov, who achieved international prominence as the last commander of Russian forces in Afghanistan.

Attacking the nuclear arsenal are, from left, Britain's Field Marshal Lord Carver, General John Galvin of the United States and Russia's General Aleksandr Lebed

Cold War relic: a warhead on a Minuteman missile

WORLD SUMMARY

Mother Teresa walking

Calcutta: Mother Teresa was described as "fine" by her doctors yesterday after she was able to walk a few steps in her hospital room in Calcutta (Christopher Thomas writes). After a night of respiratory therapy she told doctors to leave her alone so that she could rest. She later took Mass sitting in a chair.

Medical bulletins continue to emphasise that she is not out of danger and that her lung and kidney diseases could present dangerous complications. Her lungs were said last night to be "slightly improved" but her kidney condition was unchanged.

Yeltsin tries to pacify miners

Moscow: President Yeltsin appointed a special envoy yesterday to mollify striking coalminers, who have not been paid for months and are threatening to bring down the Government if their demands are not met. Mr Yeltsin appointed Vladimir Potanin, the Deputy Prime Minister, after talks with Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, at the Barvikha sanatorium near Moscow. *(Reuter)*

Mandela hails new constitution

Johannesburg: The Constitutional Court certified a reworked final draft of the post-apartheid constitution after approving amendments to sections it had earlier rejected (Inigo Gilmore writes). President Mandela hailed the occasion as a "magnificent piece of history". The amended draft gives provincial parliaments greater say in the passing of legislation.

Guatemala pact ends shooting

Oslo: Nearly seven years after the adversaries in Guatemala's civil war held a first awkward meeting in Oslo, they signed a pact calling a permanent ceasefire in the 36-year-old conflict. More than 140,000 people have died in the war. Talks, in which an amnesty for wartime atrocities has been a key issue, are continuing. *(Reuter)*

Havel pays car doctors more

Prague: Doctors who performed lung surgery on President Havel this week earned a lower hourly wage for the three-hour operation than the mechanics who work on his official car. The daily *Mlada Fronta Dnes* said the doctors were each paid about £48. The mechanics are paid £30 an hour. *(Reuter)*

Miss Lucky Girl: Alison Gibson

Japanese fall for Briton in a kimono

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

A CAMBRIDGE student was chosen yesterday as Miss Lucky Girl in Osaka, beating 500 Japanese women competing for the coveted title.

Alison Gibson, 21, triumphed after parading before an all-male jury in a kimono and explaining in fluent Japanese how she would honour Ebisu, the money god. As *Fukumusume*, or Miss Lucky Girl, she will preside over next year's festival for Ebisu, who is worshipped all over Japan but most fervently in Osaka, known as the "city of merchants". Many Japanese believe that praying to Ebisu will bring them riches.

"I'm so excited," said Miss Gibson, the first foreigner to be queen of the festival. "I thought being a traditional Japanese festival they'd have chosen a proper Japanese girl."

The nine judges, all aged over 60, were impressed with her gracious comportment in a kimono and modest way of speaking — qualities they found deplorably absent in Japan's younger generation.

Miss Gibson, a student of Japanese at Robinson College, Cambridge, is spending a year studying the language in Japan. She said the family she stays with entered her in the contest without asking her.

Her mother, who lives in Harpenden, Hertfordshire, was delighted at the news. "The Japanese are portrayed as very xenophobic, but if they allow a Westerner to do so well in something like this, then they can't be all that introverted," Mrs Gibson said.

Britain attempts to quell Hong Kong fears over passports

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

THE British and Hong Kong Governments moved yesterday to avert panic among 135,000 people in this colony with British passports who feared they would not receive consular protection after the 1997 Chinese takeover.

The alarm was sparked by Francis Cornish, the Senior Trade Commissioner and a senior Foreign Office official here, who gave the impression on Tuesday that Britain could not protect holders of passports, granted in 1990 to allay fears after the Tiananmen killings, because Peking does not regard them as valid.

"We provide British consular protection to all British nationals except those who are nationals of another country. China has made it clear that they would regard the [British Nationality Selection Scheme] holders as Chinese nationals," Mr Cornish said. He explained that, according to international convention, people with dual nationality living in one of the countries of which they are a citizen cannot claim consular protection from the other.

Distinguished Hong Kong lawyers and the retired Chief Justice Ti Liang Yang immediately suggested that the scheme's passport holders could hold Britain legally liable to recognise their passports as equal to any other, despite Chinese non-recognition. Yesterday, reacting to pressure from the Hong Kong Government, the Foreign Office emphasised: "There is only one form of British passport ... we do not accept that the way in which a British citizen obtained his or her passport would of itself be evidence of dual nationality. We would not regard any claim by the local authorities that a British passport had been obtained under the British Nationality Selection Scheme as itself relevant or acceptable evidence of dual nationality."

Zhang Junsheng, deputy director of the New China News Agency, Peking's de facto embassy in the colony, said of the nationality scheme passport: "It was a British act to create trouble." He was referring to Britain's condemnation of Tiananmen and its desire to reassure some Hong Kong people that they could seek refuge in Britain.

Government House described the BNSS passport yesterday as "just like the one in John Major's pocket".

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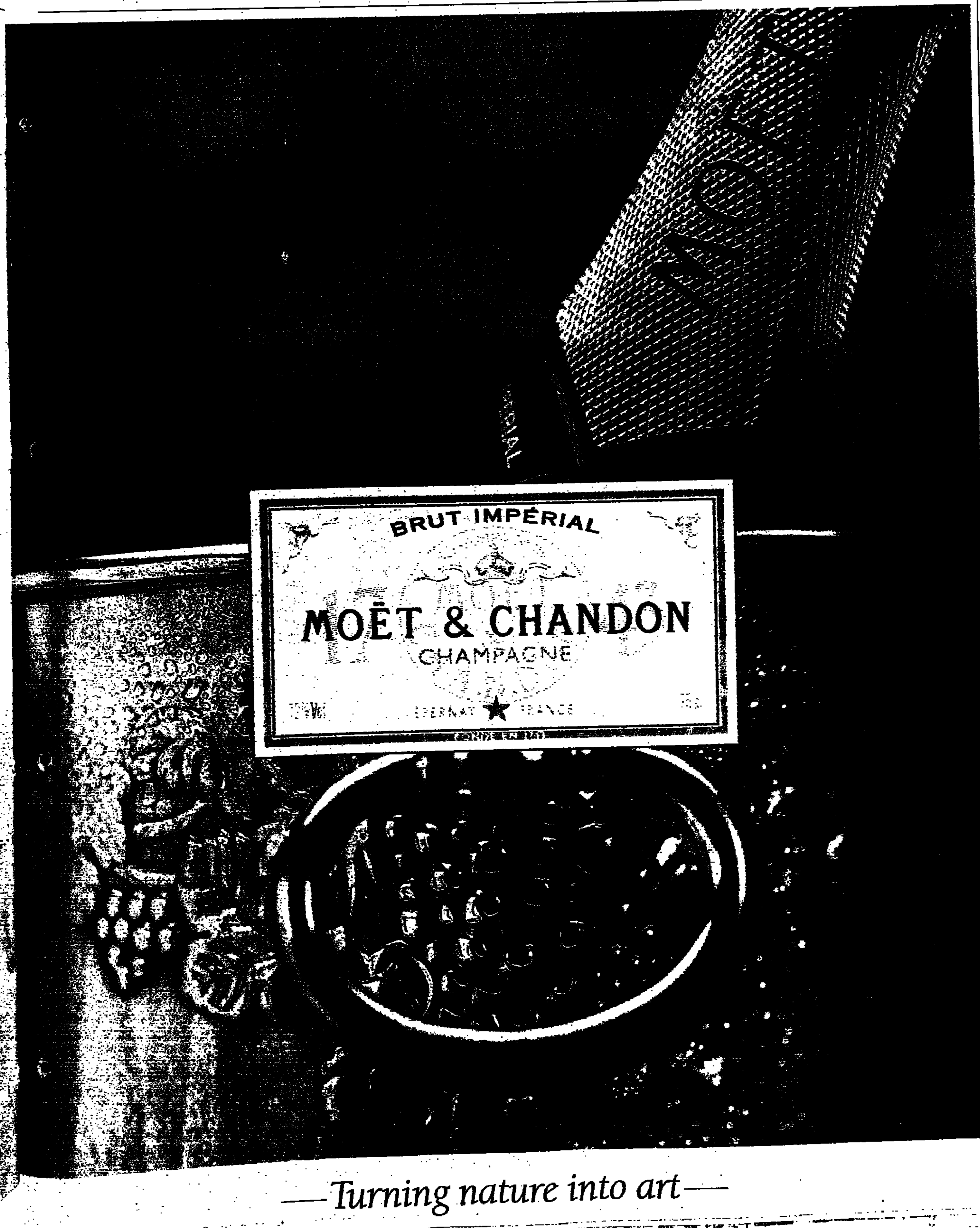

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First draft for revised EU treaty leaves big issues on back burner

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

THE first sketch for a revamped Maastricht treaty will be put before the European Union states today but it leaves unburied some of the biggest bones of contention, making it unlikely that John Major will face a federalist "ambush" at next week's European summit in Dublin.

Britain's isolated stance echoes through the draft, produced after nine months of talks, and the Government this week voiced its unhappiness over the "centrist" ideas. The main affront to British sovereignty qualms is a move, backed by all bar Denmark, to centralise control over external frontiers. Britain is also unhappy about an "employment chapter" to be written into the treaty.

Differences are still so wide among all 15 members that Ireland, outgoing holder of the EU presidency, has attempted no text on key areas involving extending majority voting into areas that are now subject to a veto, plans for variable integration, or remodelling the European Commission and other institutions.

Britain's imminent general election is blamed by the officials of other states for the failure of the inter-governmental conference (IGC) to engage in real negotiation. As expectations have been trimmed across the Continent, Dutch officials, whose country takes over the presidency next month, are not confident that a new treaty will be finished as planned at June's EU summit in Amsterdam.

While Britain is seen as the main obstacle, the slow pace is also fed by Franco-German tension over the single currency and the Union's future shape, as well as by a dispute between the big and small states over the power balance in a much-enlarged Europe. The Commission fears the big states will succeed in clipping its wings. Marcelino Oreja, the Commissioner on the IGC, was reported yesterday to have promised to resign if that should happen.

Federal-minded officials are deploring what they see as a looming failure to produce the more integrated, streamlined Union that the IGC is supposed to deliver, so setting the scene for the entry of former Communist bloc states. "The negotiations haven't even started. This is a real breakdown of the Community," said Elisabeth Guigou, one of two European Parliament representatives on the IGC. "All that will happen in Dublin is the leaders will 'take note' of progress and go home again. They should just call off all summits until the British have their elections."

The Irish, who have won praise for an energetic presidency, say the draft seeks to distil a consensus on some points but encompasses everyone's views. "It serves as a working basis for further negotiation," said Noel Dorr, the Irish diplomat who has steered the inter-governmental conference since July.

Dublin shares the consensus that big decisions will be made only in a final bout of "horse-trading" by leaders under deadline pressure. That pressure will spring mainly from the more momentous deadline early in 1998 for the selection of states worthy of monetary union, and by that year's French and German general elections. Few officials believe, however, that any British Labour government would be ready by June to agree on the EU's future.

President Chirac and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, are holding three meetings in the ten days before Dublin to try to smooth over differences and inject life into the summit and the IGC. The only big Franco-German proposal so far — for a system allowing states to integrate faster if they choose — has not only run into British opposition but raised suspicions across the Union of a German-led hard core. The Irish draft leaves the issue open.

French reluctance to accept German ideas for more pooling of sovereignty is adding to friction between them over preparations for EMU, the overriding EU project and one that lies outside the IGC.

☐ Canberra: Australia said yesterday it would not sign a trade agreement with the EU because the treaty contained a reference to human rights — a standard clause in EU accords — which it said did not belong in a trade pact. *(AP)*

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Troops join Paris safety patrols after train bomb

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

SIMON WALKER

Soldiers on patrol at the Gare du Nord in Paris yesterday after Tuesday's bomb on a commuter train in which two people were killed

HUNDREDS of police and soldiers armed with machine-guns were patrolling the streets, railway stations and landmarks of Paris yesterday, after Tuesday's bomb attack on a crowded commuter train which killed two people and destroyed any residual belief that France has eradicated the threat of Islamic violence.

Anti-terrorism police said the powerful home-made bomb, a 30lb gas canister packed with black powder and nails to cause maximum carnage, bore all the hallmarks of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), the most militant of the extremists trying to topple the French-backed military Government in Algeria.

The explosion on the rush-hour RER train in Port Royal station, which injured more than 50 people, was virtually identical in timing and technique to the bombing of Saint Michel station on July 25 last year, two stops away on the same line, in which seven people died and scores were injured. The GIA claimed responsibility for last year's bomb attacks.

"Striking similarities exist between this attack and the attacks of the summer of 1995," Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, said yesterday as 1,800 soldiers were ordered to reinforce security in the capital and at public buildings across the country.

Forensic tests showed that the explosive was an identical mixture of chemicals to that used in the 1995 bombings, while the triggering device was also the same. The gas canister had been wrapped in a plastic bag full of nails, investigators said.

Metal barriers have been erected in front of schools, rubbish bins in crowded areas are being resealed and security has been tightened at borders and airports, officials said.

In March Jean-Louis Debré, France's Interior Minister, declared that the immediate threat from Islamic guerrilla networks in France had been neutralised, after a massive police operation in which more than 100 suspected fundamentalists were arrested. Despite such optimism, there have been several reports in recent months suggesting that Algerian militants were regrouping for a fresh bombing campaign in France.

Last month the DST, France's counter-espionage agency, gave a warning that an Algerian militant was on his way from Afghanistan to co-ordinate a new wave of bombings against French targets. The suspected cell leader evaded French agents, *Le Monde* reported yesterday.

French officials say that active support networks for Islamic guerrillas exist in Britain, Germany, Belgium and Sweden, and the Foreign Ministry yesterday called on France's European partners to step up their anti-terrorist measures.

Françoise Rudetski, the head of a French support group for terrorism victims, yesterday accused Britain of failing to clamp down on Algerian fundamentalists in the country, who she said provided financing for attacks in France. But British and French officials insist the two countries have been working closely to combat terrorism.

Rachid Ramda, an Algerian accused of playing a key role in last year's bombings, is being held in London pending his appeal against deportation. On Monday the trial will begin of 34 suspected members of an Islamic ring charged with recruiting, indoctrinating and training young men in France's troubled inner cities to carry out attacks in North Africa.

In recent months the Government had begun to relax the vast and expensive anti-terrorist operation code-named "Vigipirate", insisting that the groups responsible for last year's bloody campaign had been largely broken up.

One of those who slipped through the French security net, however, was Ali Touchent, alias "Tarek", a GIA militant suspected of recruiting youths in Lyons to carry out attacks whose whereabouts are unknown. Touchent's alleged recruits included Khaled Kelkal, the bomber shot dead by police in September last year.

The Vigipirate plan was back in force yesterday, and within 24 hours of the blast more than 1,000 additional riot police, paramilitary gendarmes and troops were poured onto the capital's streets in anticipation of further bombings.

"We must be alert to the possibility that this was not an isolated attack," a government spokesman warned.

President Chirac called a ministerial meeting yesterday to co-ordinate new measures in response to the attack, but for Parisians the sight of reinforced police and military patrols have brought a horrible feeling of déjà vu.

Shares in France's larger department stores fell yesterday, in anticipation that fears of terrorism will bite into pre-Christmas sales.

Investigators say the timing of Tuesday's blast points to retaliation for the new constitution adopted in Algeria last week, which bans Islamic political parties and grants extensive new powers to President Zeroual.

Islamic extremists accuse France of providing President Zeroual with political and economic support, but the official French response to the referendum on Algeria's new constitution was carefully muted, precisely to minimise potential terrorist retaliation.

Three people injured in Tuesday's attack remained critical yesterday. The body of one of those killed was mutilated by nails, the police said.

Juppé has to shelve defence sell-off

By Ben Macintyre

IN A fresh blow to the French Government, the privatisation of the giant state-owned Thomson consumer electronics and defence group was suspended yesterday after France's independent Privatisation Commission objected to the planned sale of part of the group to a South Korean firm.

On October 16 the Government announced its preference for selling Thomson SA to Lagadère, the private defence-electronics group, over a rival bidder, Alcatel Alsthom, the electronics and engineering firm.

Lagardère's plans to sell on Thomson Multimedia, the consumer electronics division, to Daewoo Electronics of Korea provoked an outcry among workers, industrialists and opposition politicians. After weeks of defending its choice, the Finance Ministry has faced the humiliation of having to halt the sale.

Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, yesterday insisted that negotiations on privatising Thomson would be resumed as soon as possible.

The European Commission has already expressed doubts over plans to inject nearly Fr11 billion (£1.4 billion) of state capital into Thomson, but yesterday the Privatisation Commission "declared itself incapable of giving a favourable opinion to the Lagardère Groupe offer, because of the terms of the Daewoo Electronics' purchase of Thomson Multimedia".

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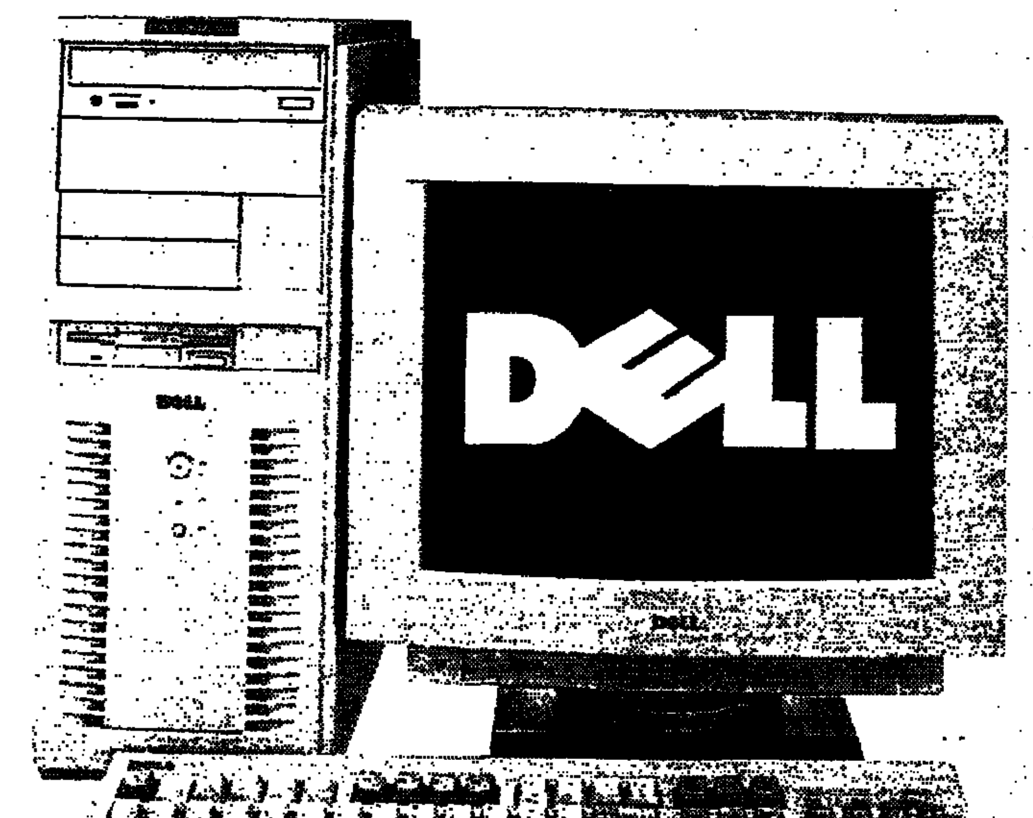

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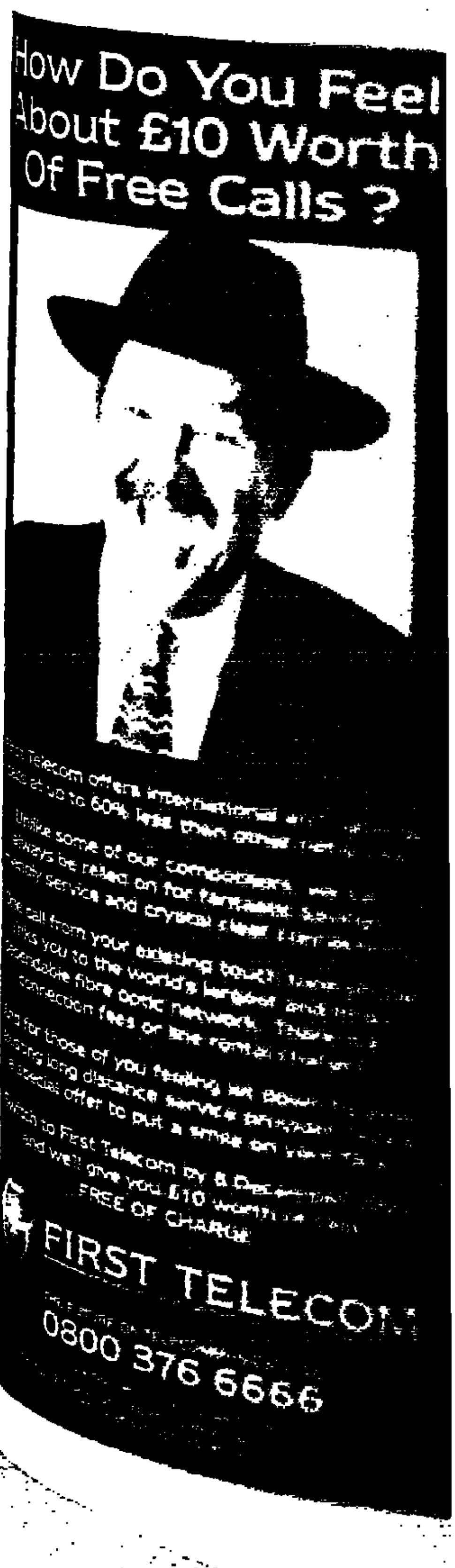

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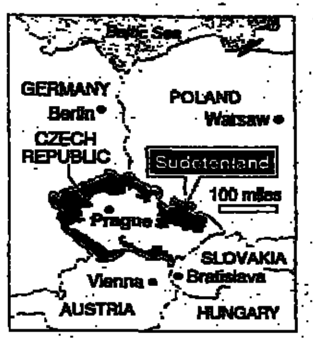
Sudeten Germans threaten Kohl over pact with Prague

From Roger Boyes in Bonn



SUDETEN Germans, expelled from the then Czechoslovakia after the Second World War, were determined yesterday to make life difficult for Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, if he goes ahead with a long-delayed friendship treaty with Prague.

The German leader and Vaclav Klaus, the Prime Minister of the new Czech Republic, at a meeting in Lisbon on Tuesday, agreed that the way was now clear to sign a declaration aimed at closing the book on the Second World War. The Czech Republic is the only victim of Nazi occupation not to have come to terms with Germany. Diplomats said yesterday that a final round of talks would be needed but that the agreement *would probably be ready* for signing by the end of the year.

The Sudeten Germans — who constitute a remarkably powerful element within the Bavarian Christian Social Union — are furious. "The government coalition obviously did not think it necessary to inform the Sudeten Germans of the exact wording of the declaration," Franz Neubauer, chairman of the Sudeten community, said. "The decisions are once again being taken over the heads of those concerned."

Herr Kohl has promised to talk directly to the Sudeten Germans and persuade them of the need to reach an accommodation with Prague. He is likely to have a rough ride. Plainly there will now be trouble between the Chancellor and his Bavarian ally, the CSU.

More two million ethnic Germans were expelled by the Czechoslovak Government after the war, often forced into cattle trucks. Houses were confiscated and, according to several personal memoirs, German women were raped and beaten. Witnesses say that women were sometimes nailed to the wheels of carts. The Sudetens have urged the German Government to press for a full apology from the Czechs and for the right of Sudetens to reclaim their lost homes or at least to settle again in the region.

The Czech Government resisted, fearing a flood of German property claims and sensitive in any case to popular resentment about growing German influence in the republic. A commentator for the *Prague Post* recently declared: "The status of the Czech Republic has gone from that of a Soviet satellite to that of a German protectorate."

The terms of the agreement are still secret. It is already clear *that* Prague *will not* concede that the expulsion was illegal. It is ready to state public regret about the "excesses" carried out by Czechs in forcing the Germans out; the Germans in turn will apologise for Nazi atrocities.

That means none of the four basic demands of the Sudetens will have been met: active consultation of the Sudetens during the Bonn-Prague talks, a full moral condemnation of the expulsions, recognition of the Sudetens to a right to a homeland and the cancellation of the so-called Benes decrees which deny property rights to ethnic Germans.

The Chancellor has given away more ground than anyone in the Czech Republic thought possible after almost two years of detailed, sluggish negotiations. In part this is because of his impatience. He has been receiving reports from the German Embassy in Prague about the tarnishing of the German image, and was worried that Czech-German friction would complicate European Union enlargement talks due to begin soon after the end of the inter-governmental conference next summer.

For the Sudetens, Herr Kohl has surrended one of the key bargaining points: Prague's determination to be in the first wave of new European Union entrants. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister — from the Bavarian CSU — had hinted *that Prague's path to the EU* would be more difficult unless it made concessions.

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Swiss turned away 30,000

Berne: More than 30,000 refugees, most of them Jewish, were refused entry to Switzerland during the Second World War, according to archive material published yesterday. The figures are three times higher than earlier estimates and result from research carried out by the Swiss national archive and the Federal Refugee Office.

The researchers said the expulsions were carried out in the full knowledge of the dangers the refugees faced.

According to the archives, 24,400 people were turned back at the border, and a further 14,500 were refused asylum after application from abroad. "Certainly more than 30,000 asylum-seekers were refused entry into Switzerland," one researcher said.

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Key players in the birth of the Church of England: from the left, Henry VIII, Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn and Pope Clement VII

Carey seeks to speed up closing of Reformation rift

From Richard Owen
in Rome

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, said yesterday that he was "very pleased" with his dialogue with the Pope, intended to breathe *new* life into the Anglican-Catholic relationship. However, with only three years to the millennium, progress towards unity was "unsatisfactory" and the two sides had jointly to confront a "threatened collapse" of moral values. "I feel frustrated that the great promises and hopes that seemed to be in the air a few years ago just do not seem to have borne the fruit that they should have," he said.

Dr Carey, accompanied by his wife, Eileen, yesterday knelt in prayer at the tomb of St Peter on his second day in Rome. Today he meets the Pope for substantive talks on divisive issues, such as the Anglican decision four years ago to ordain women priests, a controversy that has overshadowed his visit but has yet to be confronted. Tomorrow he goes to Milan to meet Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, the city's Archbishop, who is a noted liberal seen by many as a future candidate for the papacy.

Yesterday Dr Carey toured the Vatican's Secret Archives and was shown a 1530 letter from Henry VIII to Pope Clement VII asking the Pope to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon so that he could marry Anne Boleyn. The Pope refused and four years later Henry issued his Act of Supremacy, renouncing Rome and, in effect, establishing the Church of England.

The Archbishop also visited St Peter's crypt where several 20th-century popes lie buried, pausing at the tomb of Paul VI (1963-78). He recalled *that talks between* Paul VI and the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey, had opened the way for the first Anglican-Catholic dialogue since the Reformation.

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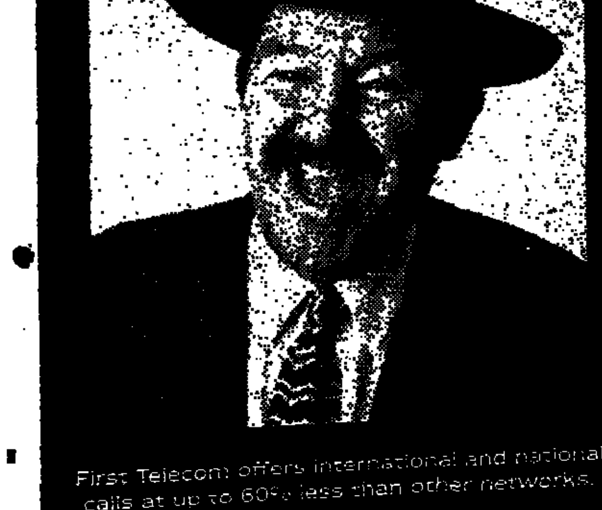

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Judge attacked for ruling in favour of gay marriages

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

PAVING the way for the official recognition of gay marriage in his state, a Hawaiian judge has become the first in American history to declare that denying marriage licences to homosexual couples is unconstitutional.

In a 46-page ruling that marks a turning point for the gay rights movement, Judge Kevin Chang of Honolulu declared there was no evidence that same-sex parents were any worse at raising children than heterosexual ones. Denying them the legal rights of married couples was a simple case of sex discrimination, he concluded.

The decision, issued late on Tuesday, was denounced by religious conservatives as "judicial tyranny" and an attempt to roll back 6,000 years of tradition. However, three gay couples whose legal action six years ago led to the ruling greeted it with tears of relief.

"I didn't think I would cry if it was a good decision, but this is a big day for us," said a sobbing Ninia Baehr, who now lives with her partner, Genora Dancel, in Baltimore but is planning a small private wedding in Maui.

Government lawyers in Hawaii have announced that they will appeal against Judge Chang's verdict but the state's Supreme Court is thought to be unlikely to overturn it. Whatever the outcome of the case in Hawaii, it is another matter whether homosexual marriages will be recognised throughout America. Last year's federal Defence of Marriage Act refused to recognise gay marriages, and 16 mainland states have passed laws banning them.

Gay leaders were jubilant yesterday, however, pointing out that this is the first time an American court has defended same-sex marriage on existing constitutional grounds. "This decision marks the beginning of the end of sex discrimination in marriage just as we brought an end to race discrimination in marriage a generation ago." Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defence Fund, a gay rights group, said.

> ❛ An activist judge has flouted public opinion and imposed his own agenda ❜

Hawaii's six years at the centre of the gay marriage issue began in 1990 when Ms Baehr, Ms Dancel, another lesbian couple and two gay men requested marriage licences at the Honolulu Health Department and were refused them. The three couples appealed to the state Supreme Court, which in 1993 found that denying same-sex couples the right to marry violated an "equal protection" clause in the Hawaiian constitution.

Basing its decision on the plaintiffs' sex rather than their sexuality, the Supreme Court referred the case to the High Court, which had earlier upheld the denial of the marriage licences and where state lawyers had now to prove that this apparent sex discrimination was to the public good.

In a non-jury trial in September, expert witnesses testifying on the benefits to children of being raised by heterosexual parents did not persuade Judge Chang. They "failed to establish a causal link between allowing same-sex marriage and adverse effects on the development of children," he wrote.

Hinting that opponents of gay marriage may have hindered their own cause in the case, the judge concluded that their evidence "establishes that the single most important factor in the development of a happy, healthy and well-adjusted child is the nurturing relationship between parent and child."

Leina'ala Pregil, the 19-year-old daughter of one lesbian plaintiff, said after the verdict: "A lot of kids grow up with parents who don't care for them. I have two parents who do love and care for me."

Conservatives said Judge Chang had ignored polls showing that 70 per cent of Hawaiians oppose gay marriage. "An activist judge has flouted public opinion and a perfectly reasonable law and imposed his own agenda," Robert Knight, of the Family Research Council, said.

SERGE J.-F. LEVY/AP PHOTO

Ninia Baehr, left, and Genora Dancel, one of the couples at the centre of the gay marriage legal battle in Hawaii

Lesbian couple must wait for nuptials

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

NINIA BAEHR and Genora Dancel are not rushing out to order their wedding outfits. The lesbian couple, one of the three gay couples whose 1991 lawsuit against the Hawaii state government triggered this week's ruling, know there may still be a long way to go before they have the wedding of their dreams on a Hawaii mountainside.

The Hawaii circuit court's decision has raised fundamental questions about states' independence from federal law — and from each other's laws. The expectation that Hawaii would legalise gay marriage triggered a nationwide wave of pre-emptive legislation. In September, President Clinton, signed the Defence of Marriage Act, which denies federal benefits to same-sex couples and allows states to ignore gay marriages made under other states' laws.

Laws banning gay marriages have also been suggested in 37 states in the past year and passed in 16. Two other state governors have banned gay unions by executive order.

Homosexual groups' promotion of the right to marry is prompted as much by a desire to secure the financial and legal benefits of marriage as the wish to put a formal public stamp on emotional ties. At federal and state level and at work, marriage brings advantages such as tax and health insurance, and property and inheritance rights.

It is no surprise that Hawaii has supplied the test case as it has a record of spearheading socially liberal policies.

No Hawaii marriage licences are likely to be issued immediately, however. Opponents of same-sex marriages will appeal to the state supreme court, a procedure expected to take most of next year, and will press for the ruling to be suspended until then. They will also explore a second tactic: proposing an amendment to the Hawaii constitution which would explicitly ban gay marriages.

CIA 'set up' death squads in Colombia

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN RIO DE JANEIRO

VIGILANTE squads terrorising Colombia's rural areas were set up with assistance from the CIA, according to Human Rights Watch, an American organisation.

In a report published this week, *Assassination Squads in Colombia*, the organisation says CIA agents went to Colombia in 1991 to help the military to train undercover agents in anti-subversive activity. CIA expertise was then used to set up a network of paramilitary groups to clamp down on the left-wing guerrilla group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc), and its supporters.

These "illegal" paramilitary groups have since proliferated and are responsible for a state of lawlessness in remote areas which the police cannot reach. At least 2,000 people have "disappeared".

"The level of human rights being committed is worrying and paramilitary activity is totally out of control," a Western diplomat in Bogotá said.

The paramilitaries terrorise remote rural areas such as the Antioquia region in northwest Colombia by staging public killings of suspected rebel sympathisers, may of whom are innocent civilians. "Training and military advice from the US has given the Colombian military a perfect mechanism to wage a dirty war," the report claims.

The vigilantes recently stepped up their activity after the Farc, taking advantage of President Samper's waning credibility, renewed its violent campaign in September. Señor Samper has spent much of this year denying charges that he accepted cocaine money to fund his 1994 election.

As the lawlessness spreads, new "extermination squads" are being set up. In October, one "squad" terrorised the coffee-growing village of San Roque, in Antioquia, where they dragged three men from their homes. After branding them as left-wing subversives, they were shot in the head and hung from trees in the square.

"They were just humble coffee-pickers sleeping in their beds," one woman said. "They were killed for no reason ... What kind of justice is this?"

Downey: TV confession

Hollywood actor admits taking drugs since he was eight

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE American film actor Robert Downey Jnr admitted last night that he has taken drugs, on and off, since he was an eight-year-old boy, and said he was "doped up" during the making of one recent movie.

Downey, 31, who was nominated for a best actor Oscar in 1992 for his title role in *Chaplin*, said that he was brought up in a household in which drug-taking "was as casual as it would be having white wine with Thanksgiving". His father, Robert Downey Snr, is a celebrated "underground" film director and reared his son in the casual manner of the artistic set in Vietnam-era America.

The actor went on network television last night to disclose that a year ago he looked at himself in the mirror and realised: "Oh my God. I'm a junkie. You know, I'm a heroin addict ... I'm like feeling sick and ... I have to get some, so I don't feel sick."

He told the interviewer Diane Sawyer — who last month interrogated the Duchess of York — that he was "under the influence" of drugs when he made the recent hit film *Home for the Holidays*. His condition was noticed by the film's director, Jodie Foster, who made an effort to help him. Downey, whose remarks betray a thriving drug culture in Hollywood, said that drug-taking was commonly tolerated in the American film business. Foster was "one of the few people who didn't just watch it happen and ... not say anything". Downey, whose on-screen characters tend to be sunny, handsome youths with few problems, added that Foster told him she was "worried about you thinking that you can keep doing this — and she was absolutely right".

Sir Richard Attenborough, who directed Downey in *Chaplin*, once called him "a brat pack gadfly with virtually no discipline". His films have included *To Live and Die in LA*, *Restoration* and *Natural Born Killers*. In June, police found cocaine, crack and black tar heroin in the back of his car and his co-actor and friend, Sean Penn, chartered an aircraft to fly Downey to a detoxification centre in Arizona. He ran away after a day.

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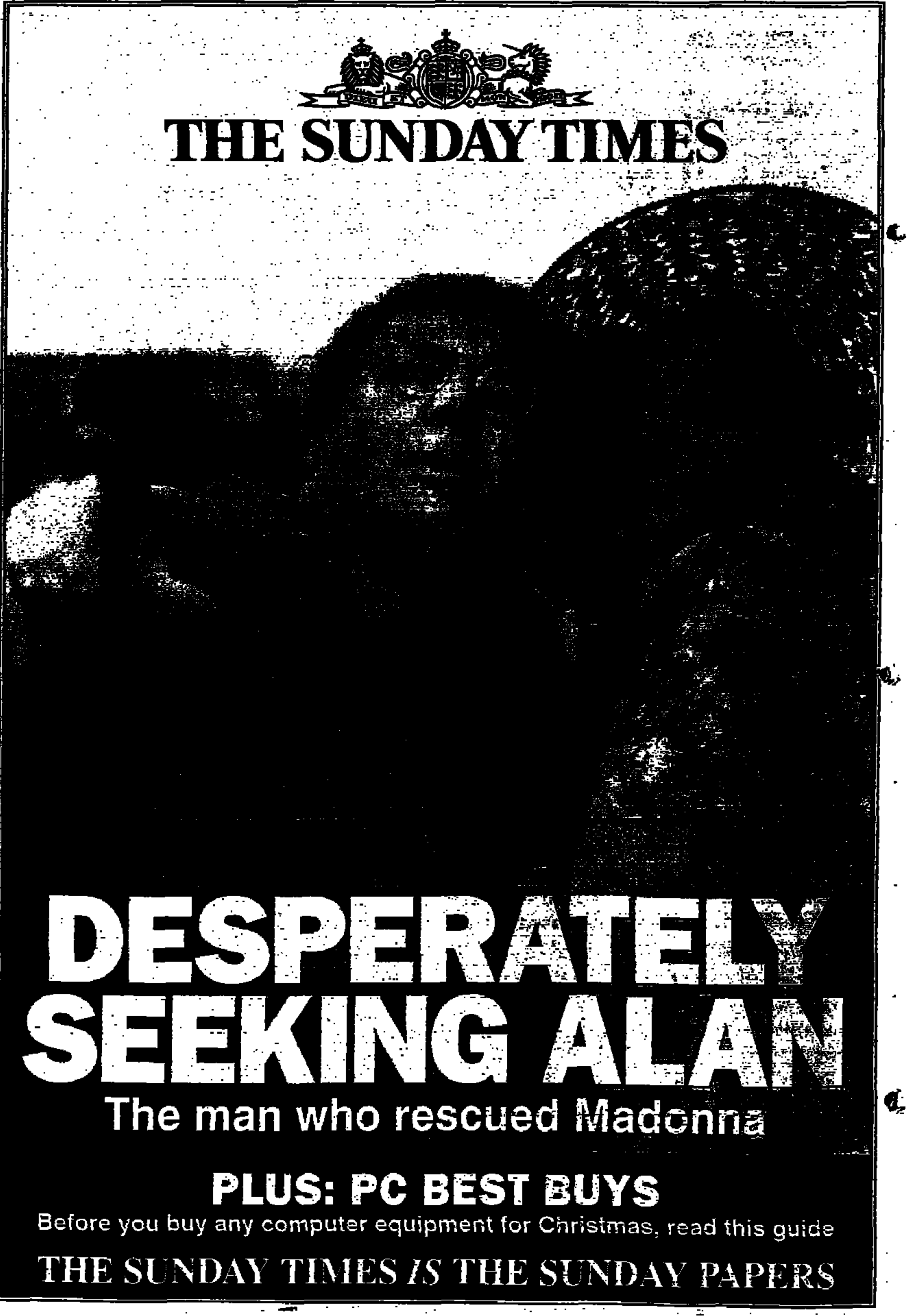

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US mediator on Ireland tipped for top CIA job

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

AFTER weeks of deliberating over the choices for his second-term Cabinet, President Clinton appeared set last night to shuffle Anthony Lake, his National Security Adviser and key negotiator on Ireland, to the directorship of the CIA.

White House officials said the President had decided tentatively to move Mr Lake and replace him with Samuel Berger, the deputy at the National Security Council.

In a sign that Hillary Clinton still exerts a strong influence in the decision-making process, Madeleine Albright, US Ambassador to the United Nations, also emerged as the leading candidate to succeed Warren Christopher as Secretary of State. Mrs Clinton has campaigned behind the scenes to get a woman in a senior Cabinet role.

Mr Lake's transfer would have immediate resonance in London, Dublin and Belfast where senior ministers, Unionists and Sinn Fein members have come to view the quiet American as an open door to the President on Irish policy. Nancy Soderberg, his director of Irish affairs, is also rumoured to be seeking a role outside the White House.

Neither Mr Berger nor Ms Albright has a proved track record on Ireland and it remained unclear yesterday whether the Irish portfolio would remain at the NSC or be transferred to the State Department. Mr Berger, 51, a former trade lawyer who has enjoyed a close relationship with Mr Clinton for more than 20 years, is viewed as a highly capable and charming successor. But his interests may be elsewhere. He played a key role in American intervention in Haiti in 1994 — still seen as one of the single foreign policy successes of the first term — and has been at the heart of maintaining business and diplomatic ties with China.

Inside the White House there was little surprise at the possible change, but aides said a decision would not be taken until today or tomorrow. "Sandy would be a great replacement, and if Tony is going then I'm sure it will have been his decision," said a senior NSC official.

A CIA appointment for Mr Lake could draw criticism from Republicans on Capitol Hill, who still criticise the White House foreign policy team for keeping US intelligence in the dark over giving the go-ahead to a covert Iranian arms pipeline into Bosnia. And it would certainly confirm growing Washington speculation that John Deutch, the current director, has little chance of a high-profile future in the new Administration. A former Provost at Massachussetts Institute of Technology, he was said yesterday to be talking to colleges about returning to academe.

Stephanopoulos to teach

THE senior political adviser to President Clinton, George Stephanopoulos, 35, announced yesterday that he was accepting a post as visiting professor of political science at Columbia University (Tom Rhodes writes). He is also writing about the first Clinton term and is expected to appear regularly on television.

Speculation over his future has been rampant since he announced his decision to leave the White House after last month's presidential poll.

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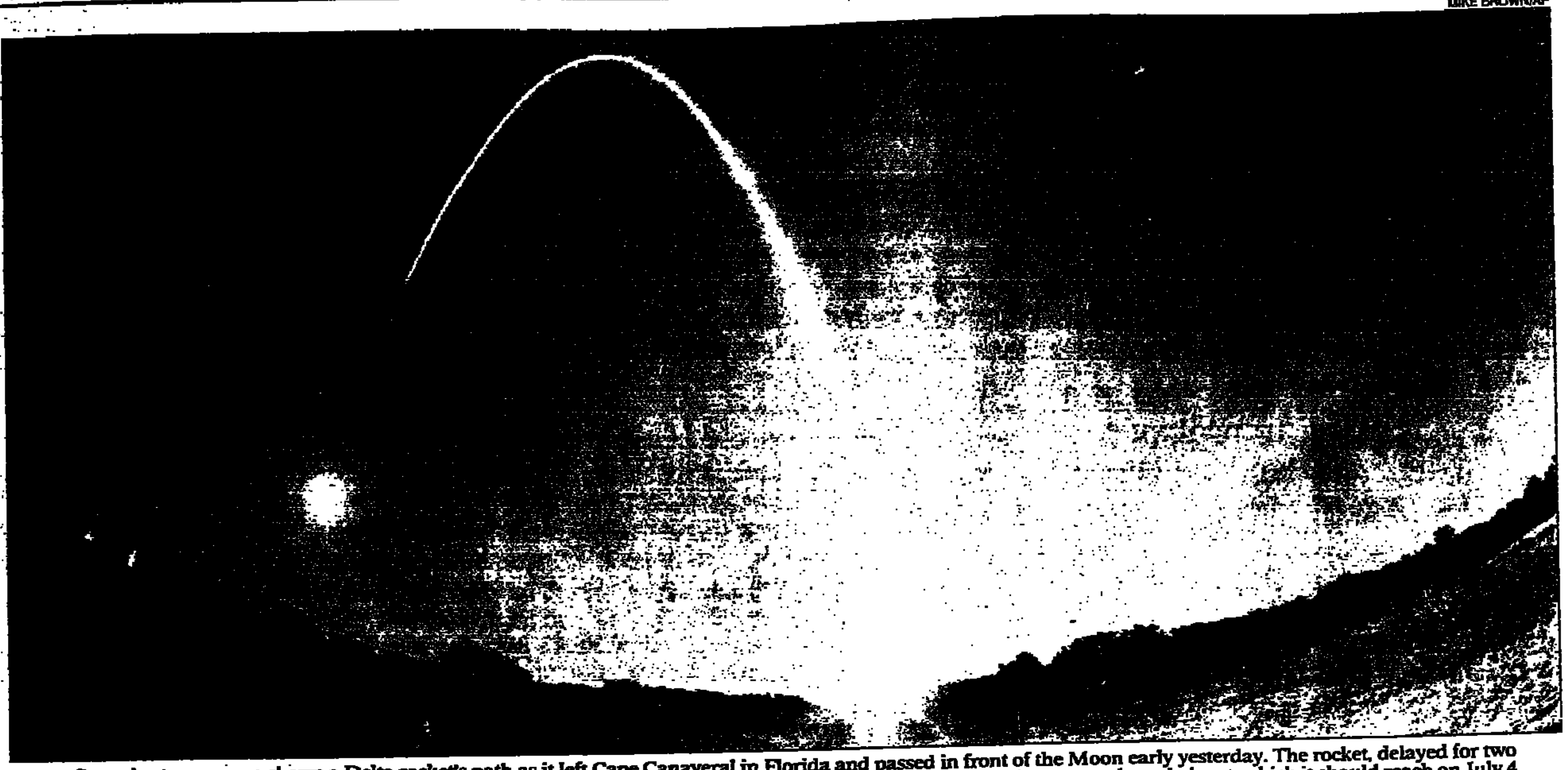

A five-minute exposure shows a Delta rocket's path as it left Cape Canaveral in Florida and passed in front of the Moon early yesterday. The rocket, delayed for two days, sent the *Mars Pathfinder* spacecraft, complete with the first interplanetary rover, on a 310 million-mile journey to the red planet, which it should reach on July 4

Belgrade kept out of Balkan talks

BY PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE United States send a signal to President Milosevic yesterday that his crackdown of the Serbian opposition was unacceptable by excluding Belgrade from high-level talks in Geneva on economic co-operation in the Balkans.

American officials said the attempts to stifle the opposition, which has led to 17 days of street protests in Belgrade, was blatantly anti-democratic. Belgrade triggered the protests by annulling election results that gave the opposition victory in 15 out of the 18 biggest Serbian towns.

The US action came on the eve of a regional initiative aimed at promoting joint economic projects. The two-day meeting, launched by America and backed by the European Union and Russia, hopes to lay the building blocks for political stability in the Balkans. Serbia's exclusion could lead to it being cut off from the initial stages of a regional economic zone.

In Belgrade, opposition attempts to gain legal restitution in their fight against the Government were defeated yesterday when a court rejected its demand for new elections. The Democratic Party, a member of the Zajedno (Together) coalition, said the court rejected its claim that the ruling Socialists had defrauded it of victory.

That ruling and the court's refusal to allow an appeal heightened fears of grave political violence, as more than 100,000 protesters took to the streets yesterday.

Mirko Mihajlovic, Zajedno's legal expert, admitted: "Not much more is to be expected from the regular legal procedures."

Lost 16,000 mar Bosnia peace

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ABOUT 16,000 people are still missing, presumed killed, in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the bitterness of the waiting families poses a huge threat to peace in the country until their fate has been determined, Cornelio Sommaruga, the president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said yesterday.

As John Major opened a two-day conference on Bosnia at Lancaster House in London, the words of Mr Sommaruga served as a warning to the 56 delegates that the "hatred between the ethnic communities" remains, even though the guns have fallen silent.

Mr Sommaruga is due to address the conference today. In an interview with *The Times* yesterday, however, he said about 13,000 of the missing were known to have been in the hands of the Bosnian Serbs, including 8,000 who disappeared after the occupation by Serb troops of the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia. Another 1,500 were missing from Muslim hands and 1,000 from Croat hands.

The ICRC president said that, although he feared most of the missing were dead, 100 people had been found alive. The ICRC, which has a mandate under the Dayton peace accords to reunite families where possible, has faced "aggression" and harassment in trying to track down the missing people, Mr Sommaruga said. One of the main problems, he said, was that, even when proof could be provided of someone's death in the form of a document, the family demanded to have the body and blamed the Red Cross for failing to produce the remains.

He issued a warning that whatever economic improvements were made and whatever reconstruction was carried out, there could be no real peace in Bosnia until the fate of the missing 16,000 had been resolved. Fifty years after the Holocaust, families of the victims of Nazi atrocities were able to find documents to help them to trace the fate of their relatives in the death camps. Mr Sommaruga said he was convinced that somewhere there must also be records or papers that would provide proof of the fate of those on the Bosnia missing list.

During yesterday's opening session at Lancaster House, the Prime Minister said that one year after the Dayton peace accord had been signed, "ordinary Bosnians are still afraid to cross the line between the two entities [the Muslim/Croat Federation and Republika Srpska]."

Mr Major made it clear to the delegates, who included six representatives from Bosnia, that there was a limit to what the international community could do. Economic development would not work properly unless people, goods and capital were able to move freely throughout the country, he said.

Bonn to deploy combat troops

Bonn: The Government here yesterday authorised the stationing of 3,000 soldiers in Bosnia, Germany's first deployment of full-fledged combat troops abroad since the Second World War. The decision, subject to expected approval by the Bundestag, was a new step away from German reluctance to participate in international military missions outside Nato territory that was rooted in shame about the crimes committed in the Nazi era. *(AP)*

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When your baby turns

Dr Thomas Stuttaford on difficult deliveries, the doctor who was saved by a transplant and dangers in a cup of coffee

Sir Robert Fellowes has been an army officer, banker and courtier, but probably never fancied his chances as an obstetrician. The Duchess of York, in her book, claims that by the very tone of his voice he managed to convert the position in which her baby Eugenie was lying in her uterus from head first, to bottom first.

It is just possible that an altercation with the Queen's Private Secretary might have excited the baby and prompted it to turn about, since foetal activity is related to, among other factors, emotion in the mother.

For those without Sir Robert's commanding presence, persuading a baby late in pregnancy to do a somersault in the womb requires great skill. Before the doctor attempts to coax the baby into the head-first position by gently pushing at it through the mother's abdominal wall, he or she must be certain that there is enough fluid in the uterus to allow easy movement of the baby, and that the baby is of normal size.

Naturally, the placenta should be in a suitable position and the mother must have a healthy uterus and a normal blood pressure.

The procedure, known as external version, should be undertaken only when ultrasound is available, and where the baby's heart can be monitored electronically. Everything is laid on so that if the attempt at turning the baby results in damage to the placenta, and distress to the baby, it can be delivered immediately.

> It is better to have a scar than a damaged infant

In my day as an obstetric houseman, the procedure of external version was not treated with quite so much ceremony as today, when safety standards are higher. Then, as now, about 60 per cent of attempts are successful. It is much easier to achieve external version in the earlier stages of pregnancy but then, all too often, the baby soon reverts to the position in which it is most comfortable. Sir Robert's achievement of changing the position in the last fortnight of pregnancy is more difficult.

By the 38th week of pregnancy, the time at which the Duchess of York had her tricky interview with Sir Robert, the overwhelming majority of babies are in a position to come into the world head-first, and the baby's head is normally well fixed in the mother's pelvis.

As the duchess is a large woman, and presumably has a pelvis to match, it may well be that the head had not yet been fixed. Breech presentations are more common in women whose pelvises are very small, who have any pelvic tumour, or who have too little or too much fluid in the uterus.

Abnormal presentations are also more likely in those women in whom the pelvis is larger than usual because then there is so much room that the baby has too much laxity when making itself comfortable. Most babies lie head-down because this is the position, once they start to grow, in which they sit best.

As a result of Eugenie's great leap' into the breech position the duchess needed a Caesarean section. This was a wise decision — too vigorous an attempt at version can endanger the child and in any event many doctors feel that all breech babies are better delivered surgically. The advantage and disadvantages of breech delivery, as opposed to Caesarean section, have recently been discussed in the *British Journal of Hospital Medicine.*

The duchess with Eugenie: is it possible that her row with Sir Robert Fellowes made the baby turn a somersault?

The deathrate of babies delivered by breech is four times that of babies delivered head first. Not all the deaths are as a result of the delivery — in many cases it is because the baby was premature and was delivered before it had time to settle into the normal position in the womb, and death would have occurred however the child was delivered. As well as suffering head injuries, other babies delivered in the breech position suffer damage to their neck, and fractures to their collarbones, thighs or arms.

The Duchess of York complains that she will carry the scar of her Palace encounter on her abdomen for all time, but better a scar than a damaged baby, and in any case Sir Robert's effortless external version was more likely to be the consequence of the shape of the maternal pelvis than his command of the English language.

If the duchess ever wants to have future children without resorting to surgery there is every chance that she will be able to do so. Tim Coltart, consultant obstetrician at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, published statistics of pregnancies after previous elective Caesarean sections and has found that about 80 per cent of the women have a normal delivery.

Treating epilepsy

FIVE per cent of people in Britain have suffered from epilepsy at some time in their lives. Their families, friends and doctors constantly strive to increase public understanding of the symptoms and point out that in between seizures the majority of sufferers lead normal lives.

In one third of cases, the seizures, which can be symptomatic of many conditions, spontaneously disappear. Other patients are not so fortunate and, despite modern medicine, continue to have fits.

A recent report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* on the surgical treatment of refractory epilepsy has been reviewed by the medical magazine *Monitor.* A new operation, temporal lobectomy, which isolates part of the brain, has proved useful in the treatment of carefully selected patients. Seventy per cent of those who are considered suitable for this surgery were fit-free five years after the operation. And the number who have been able to return to full-time work has doubled. The world's only university-based academic institute which has been founded to study all aspects of epilepsy is situated in London, at the centre for epilepsy at the Maudsley Hospital and King's College Hospital.

The centre is pioneering the drive to increase public awareness of epilepsy. Many patients are not receiving the help they need.

AFTER a lapse of 30 to 40 years, new drugs are being introduced to treat epilepsy. Some provide much better control over seizures and have fewer side-effects.

Increased use of MRI scanning has also demonstrated that in some cases of refractory epilepsy, there are lesions within the brain which could be removed, dramatically reducing the number of fits.

Coffee and cholesterol

THE effect of coffee on the health has intrigued doctors for years but recent research from The Netherlands suggests that the physiological effects of caffeine and other chemicals in coffee depend on the way the coffee has been made. The findings, reported in the *BMJ*, suggest that coffee made in a cafetière, a jug with a metal plunger, affects the liver cells and may account for minor abnormalities in enzyme levels in apparently healthy people. Cafetière coffee also raises the low-density lipoprotein cholesterol that can lead to coronary heart disease.

The same copy of the *BMJ* also reported studies from St George's Hospital, London, which investigated the effect of coffee drinking among smokers. In non-smoking pregnant women coffee has no effect on the baby's birth weight, but in those who both smoke and take coffee the two addictions have a synergistic action. The authors suggest that women smokers should be advised to give up coffee as well as tobacco while pregnant.

Diagnosing Alzheimer's

THE diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease can be made with certainty only after death, but now doctors in Canada may have found a biochemical test which will distinguish it from other forms of senile dementia.

They have been measuring the level of an iron-binding protein, known as P-97, in the blood of patients with Alzheimer's and comparing the result with healthy contemporaries. Levels of P-97 in patients with Alzheimer's were six times higher than in people who had retained their cognitive function. The changes could be detected two years before a patient started to show signs of dementia.

A spokeswoman for Research into Ageing, a charity which investigates the disease, said: "Although this work is only in its early stages, the initial results are very encouraging. It may well be possible to obtain a more accurate diagnosis earlier in cases of dementia."

Over the past ten years there has been a tendency to label all cases in which there has been confusion in the elderly as Alzheimer's disease. This has resulted in many patients not having the treatment needed for curable conditions.

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A dose of her own medicine

In a teaching hospital some patients are understandably shy about being the subject of a teaching round. "How would you like it, doctor?" is more than just an occasional question. Professor Julia Polak can tell them. There are few more prestigious teaching sessions than the grand round at the Royal Post Graduate Medical School at Hammersmith Hospital, London, and at one of them Professor Polak was both the teacher and patient.

Doctor Celia Oakley, the cardiologist, Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub and Professor Polak taught together on primary pulmonary hypertension and heart and lung transplantation using Professor Polak's case as the example. Professor Polak, who has followed her own treatment with understandable interest, prepared the microscopic slides of her own lungs so that students and colleagues could understand why she nearly died.

Pulmonary hypertension is a condition in which the blood pressure in the arteries leading to the lungs is abnormally high. It is easy to take the blood pressure in the peripheral arteries where a cuff can be put around the arms and the pressure measured on a sphygmomanometer. However, when the pulmonary arteries are involved the condition has to be diagnosed as a result of considering the patient's symptoms.

Pulmonary hypertension results in right-sided heart strain, and eventually failure. The condition may be secondary to chronic bronchitis, congenital heart disease, pulmonary fibrosis or late consequence of pulmonary embolism.

In many cases the cause is not known and it is described as primary pulmonary hypertension.

Professor Polak had asthma in younger life. About 23 years ago, she took Ponderax, the slimming pill, for approximately three months. Slimming pills of this group occasionally cause pulmonary hypertension and it is possible that this weight-losing exercise was the start of her troubles.

Whatever the cause, Professor Polak noticed that she was becoming more easily tired and increasingly breathless but assumed that this was a result of ageing.

DES JENSON

Fighting fit: Professors Polak, centre, and Yacoub, right, at Harefield Hospital's annual run

The gradual downhill progress in her health started to accelerate until the breathlessness became so severe that she found it difficult to continue her work.

Finally Professor Polak telephoned one of her colleagues and said that she was dying, and doubted whether she would be able to visit the laboratory again. Once the alarm had been raised, a diagnosis of right-sided heart failure, secondary to pulmonary hypertension, was soon made. This was the diagnosis that Professor Polak had suspected. The heart failure was so well developed that when she lay back on her pillows the veins in her neck were engorged up to seven centimetres above the collarbone. Her colleagues explained that they had only ever viewed her across a conference table, or with a patient, and had never seen her lying on a bed.

Her lungs and heart were so badly damaged that Professor Yacoub and Dr Oakley decided that the only possible treatment was a heart and lung transplant. A year later Professor Polak is back at work doing 20 hours a day and has raised nearly half a million pounds for the Julia Polak Lung Transplant Research Fund.

Professor Polak says she hasn't felt so well for 20 years and can never remember having more energy. She has no side-effects from the immunosuppressant drug FK506, known as Prograf Tacrolimus, which she took after she developed adverse symptoms while having Cyclosporin.

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Message received ...

The solution to intimacy without risk is an answerphone, **Giles Coren** discovers

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Daniel Day-Lewis left a message for his lover, Deya Pichardo, right, on their answerphone telling her he had married the actress Rebecca Miller

Most of us do not very often have to tell 26-year-old Dominican-born fitness trainers that we are taking our chiselled bones and Hollywood millions and marrying them to somebody else. But if we did, we would almost certainly do it on an answering machine.

When Daniel Day-Lewis chucked Isabelle Adjani, the mother of his child, he did it by fax. When he got married to one Rebecca Miller, he phoned Ms Adjani to tell her, and left a message on the answering machine, which omitted the lucky lady's name. Ms Adjani assumed, reasonably enough, that he was marrying the woman with whom he lived, Deya Pichardo, said Dominican fitness instructor. Her phone call to congratulate Ms Pichardo on her nuptials fell on surprised ears — this being the first she had heard of it.

Wobblies were thrown. Finally, Mr Day-Lewis decided to come clean and admitted everything — that he had got married, and had been thoughtless, and was terribly sorry — to her answering-machine.

These may sound like the typical frolics of a Hollywood love rat. And yet there is one element that makes the players sound rather more like ourselves: the answering machines.

For since their emergence in the late 1970s, when only the occasional technophile had his telephone proudly answered by an automated American accent pre-recorded in Taiwan, we have developed from the days when people apologised for not being in to where everyone has one, and leaves it on whether they are there or not.

Answering machines have, in fact, replaced conversation. In Britain, we have never liked talking to each other, anyway. And the intimacy without risk that the answerphone offers is irresistible. It is the only way we can bring ourselves to chastise tradesmen, end relationships, call in sick, ask for an overdraft, or apologise.

Once it was the study of a person's letters that could offer a glimpse into the minutiae of their lives, but with the death of writing it is only by listening to a person's answerphone messages that you can get to their soul.

To see how such a project might fare I listened in on five answerphones, belonging to randomly selected members of the public, who explained their encrypted meaning.

Will Laffan, 38, plumber.

Greeting: Hello. Will and his wrench are out on the town, where the floors are wet and the water's brown. Leave a message or call me on — mobile number.

Message: *"Hello, Popeye Pizza here. We're out of pineapple, do you want to change your order?"* That's left over from last night. I was in the lav when they rang and didn't hear the machine. So they put green pepper on instead; and I hate green pepper. I'll have to add that to the message, so they know for next time.

Message: *"Will? It's Adrian Cheng. That grouting you did on my bath has shrunk, and the gaps have come back, the woman downstairs is shouting at me again. Can you get over tonight?"* I've been doing work for this bloke for ages, he's a real grumbler. I'll go round there and find that there's a hairline crack and he'll be surprised when I bill him for 25 quid.

Message: *"Will, we really ought to talk. It's about last night. I know you think I overreacted, but you have to admit you were horrible. I don't have to move in tomorrow. I just think ... I just think that it's something we have to deal with. Oh, I can't put it all on the answerphone, just phone me when you get in."* That was my girlfriend. It's obvious what that was about, isn't it? I'm glad I've got the machine. I couldn't have coped with that one.

Matt Sinclair, 20. Student in Oxford, sharing house with Christian, Mark, and Jules.

Greeting: Hello, I'm afraid the answerphone isn't in right now. This is the toaster speaking, leave a message after the tone and I'll do my best to remember it.

Message: *"Jules? Ju-ules. Are you awake? Get up. (Pause) Get up, get up, get up. I guess you're asleep. I'll try later."* Apart from the sitting room, Jules's room is the only one with a phone, so early-morning messages are directed at him. This is from his girlfriend, Mia.

> 'Hello, it's Popeye Pizza here. We're out of pineapple'

"Hello boys. What are you doing later? Could just stay in and go to the Fir Tree, Nicola might be along, too. Give us a ring." Only good news on the machine. This is Jessica who lives in a house round the corner with a girl called Tammy. Nicola is only 17 and as a result thinks I am very clever and may sleep with me. I say this knowing that she never reads the papers, so I should be okay.

Message: *"Yo. Jonny here. I'm in the car. Laters."* Friend from school who drives around in his car phoning people.

Message: *"Ho, ho, ho. Very funny. It's mum here. I've got the cream from Dr Roland, I'll post it tomorrow. Love you."* Jules's mother. She is always indiscreet. No idea what the cream is for, I can't see that Jules is ever awake long enough to get ill.

Leslie Burke, 51, civil engineer, wife called Jill. Two sons aged 7 and 16. Daughters aged 19 and 21.

Greeting: I am afraid this is the answering machine, please leave a message after the long tone, and one of us will call you back as soon as we can.

Message: *"Mrs Burke? It's Gracia here. I cannot come tonight, I have a cold. Hope that is okay."* That's the babysitter. She's a nice girl but she always cancels on the day.

Message: *"Hi, Mum. I got your message. But I'm working late, I couldn't make it before nine. Call if that's any use."* That's our eldest, Mo. She lives about a mile away and sometimes helps out.

Message: *"I hope you get this in time. It's me. Babysitting won't be a problem as long as Mo gets here by nine. I have to be away by nine-thirty. Okay, bye."* My other daughter, Joannah. My wife must have been phoning them all day, but God knows where she is. We're supposed to be going to the theatre — it is always like this, I phone up my answering machine from work to try and find out where my family is, and there are incomprehensible messages that tell me nothing.

Maurice Stein. Retired property developer and wife, Bella. Both in late 60s.

Greeting: Hello. This is the home of Maurice and Bella Stein. Please speak clearly after the music. *No messages.* My son bought it for us, but we're always in.

The Times Christmas Appeal

The peril facing Africa's wildlife

THE poacher steadied his aim as the black rhino stumbled into the clearing and then emptied the ammunition clip from his AK47 into the animal. From 30ft he could hardly miss his prey, which was intent only in steering her calf to safety.

As the rhino buckled, two more poachers threw ropes around her back legs and the sound of a chainsaw coughing into life drowned the sound of the animal's death throes. Within minutes the poachers had slaughtered a beast far heavier and longer than their Land Rover to steal 18in of horn. The poachers then turned their attention to the calf, using the chain saw again to slice off crudely its pathetic horn.

Sue Fisher, head of conservation at the charity Tusk Force, says: "Rhino horn is so valuable that the poachers slice away the face so they can get every fraction. Ounce for ounce, rhino horn is worth more on the black market of some Far East countries than cocaine or gold."

At the end of the Eighties, investigators reported that rhino horn was fetching £40 a kg. Prices are said to have risen steadily since.

There remains an insatiable demand in the Far East for powdered horn, which is erroneously believed to be an aphrodisiac, and for use in traditional medicines.

Ms Fisher says: "Rhino horn can, in substantial doses, reduce fever but then so can taking an aspirin. Other claims to its efficacy remain unproven. We are seeing entire species hunted to the brink of extinction because of superstition and greed and there is not much time left if we are to save them."

The rhino population has been reduced to fewer than 11,000 since the turn of the century when more than 100,000 existed. The elephant has suffered as parlous a loss. Half the elephant population of 1.2 million was killed between 1970 and 1989 to serve the ivory market, and although this trade has been outlawed, in countries where law enforcement is weakest there remain organised gangs of poachers.

The decimation of the elephant first galvanised Tusk Force into action in 1989, when it alerted governments and helped to establish teams of armed rangers to combat poachers in a dangerous and costly frontline war in the African bush. Since the banning of the international ivory trade in 1989 and the increase in public awareness, demand for ivory has lessened, prices have plummeted and elephant populations have stabilised.

The threat of gun battles does deter poachers but Tusk Force recognises that to stop the trade there is an urgent requirement to address consumers and change attitudes.

Ian Redmond, a biologist and Tusk Force's conservation adviser, notes: "The elephant and the rhino play an important role in the ecology of their habitats. Those habitats will not survive without them."

Elephants are still in danger

More funds are being earmarked to educating schoolchildren here and abroad so that these creatures and their habitats will have thechance to exist in more than just their picture books.

Above all, Tusk Force wants to take its message of survival to the communities whose demand for rhino horns, tiger bones, bear paws and ivory tusks keeps the unscrupulous in business.

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2004: a British odyssey leaves the EU behind

Robert Schuettinger offers a rosier vision of our island story than Sir Roy Denman's scenario last week

A briefing note for the re-elected American President Jack Kemp in 2004.

Mr President: you asked me for a memorandum on the European Union and the United Kingdom before your meeting with Prime Minister Michael Portillo next month.

As you know, the ill-fated European monetary union went ahead (against the advice of many of Europe's well-wishers, including yourself) in 1999 while Al Gore was still President. Only five nations qualified for membership even after the criteria were fudged so as to be almost meaningless. Britain stuck to its negotiated opt-out.

Portillo's hand was strengthened by the British referendum of 1996 which decisively rejected a single currency and a federal Europe. The remaining nations also refused to join the EMU — wisely, as it turned out.

Only a few months after the first (and last) wave established the EMU, the weakening French economy forced the new European Central Bank in Frankfurt to raise interest rates sharply across the EMU member states. Unemployment rose to 19 per cent in France, 16 per cent in the Benelux nations and 13 per cent in Germany. The ensuing strikes and armed conflicts (Corsica declared its independence) led to a bloodless military coup in France which was seen as the only alternative to anarchy.

A fairly sensible general proclaimed the Sixth Republic (with the support of the trade unions), and has been ruling by decree for four years. The new French Government, however, withdrew from the EMU, the European Union, Nato and the United Nations. France's permanent seat on the Security Council was given to the European Union; their ambassador abstains on most issues, since the EU has never been able to agree on a common foreign policy.

The costs of the EMU, added to the huge subsidies provided to both the old German Democratic Republic and the economically declining members of the EU, proved too much for the recently united Germany. Ironically enough, the EU has long encouraged "regionalism" as a way of weakening the sovereign states of Europe. The larger *Länder* of Germany and the regions of Italy moved to assert themselves as the only way (as they saw it) to survive. Italy peacefully divided into three nations (which were admitted to the EU) in 2000 and most observers believe a similar reversion to mid-19th century conditions will soon occur in Germany.

Needless to say, any concerns about German "domination" of Europe (whether well-founded or not) are now redundant. However, the resulting disunity at the heart of Europe creates new dangers akin to the many problems after the break-up of the Soviet Union of Yugoslavia and of the Warsaw Pact.

The obvious unworkability of a federal union only pushed the remaining Europhiles into overdrive. The Treaty of Aachen in 2001 created an Executive President with powers similar to those of the President of the French Fifth Republic. The European Parliament, representing the remaining member nations, elected as President a former agriculture minister of Luxembourg, and as Vice-President Kenneth Clarke, a citizen of a non-member nation.

Naturally, the competitiveness of the transformed European Union sank to new lows. Average unemployment in the remaining member states rose to the 30 per cent mark. Britain had been receiving 40 per cent of all inward investment in the old EU. In 2000, when Portillo, supported by a majority of the major parties, took Britain out of the EU entirely, inward investment rose to a 70 per cent share of the old EU. As a diplomatic goodwill gesture towards its former "partners", the UK remained a member of Efta.

Britain's enterprise culture (many fewer regulations and more flexible labour markets) and the English language (important to North American and Asian investors) were major factors in this economic boom; the overriding reason, however, was that Britain, since 2000, has been the only stable and reliable nation in Europe. This year Britain has the highest average wages and income per capita in all of Europe; in the past four years the UK economy has created almost as many jobs, proportionally, as the United States.

Norway never joined the EU and has long been prosperous. After Britain left, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Austria quickly followed. In 2001 Portillo negotiated Britain's entry into the North American Free Trade Association (now the North Atlantic Free Trade Association). Portillo then successfully pressed for the admission of the four Scandinavian nations.

In 2002 Portillo and his Foreign Minister, Malcolm Rifkind, visited Peking just after the Chinese Revolution established the first democratic Government in Chinese history. Portillo and Rifkind, in round-the-clock meetings with representatives of the Asian "tigers" and Japan, created the Asian Free Trade Area, with Britain as the only European member.

Britain's standing in world affairs has never been higher. It seems undeniable that it is the most stable and reliable of all our major allies on all continents.

I believe you should take very seriously what the PM will say. His main objective is to work out a Portillo plan whereby both major trading blocs (and perhaps Russia) will work to prevent the collapse of the present EU. It is clearly in all our interests to see a stable and prosperous Europe. We shall have to work out with the British some strict conditions. They will be helpful intermediaries between North America, Asia and the struggling EU.

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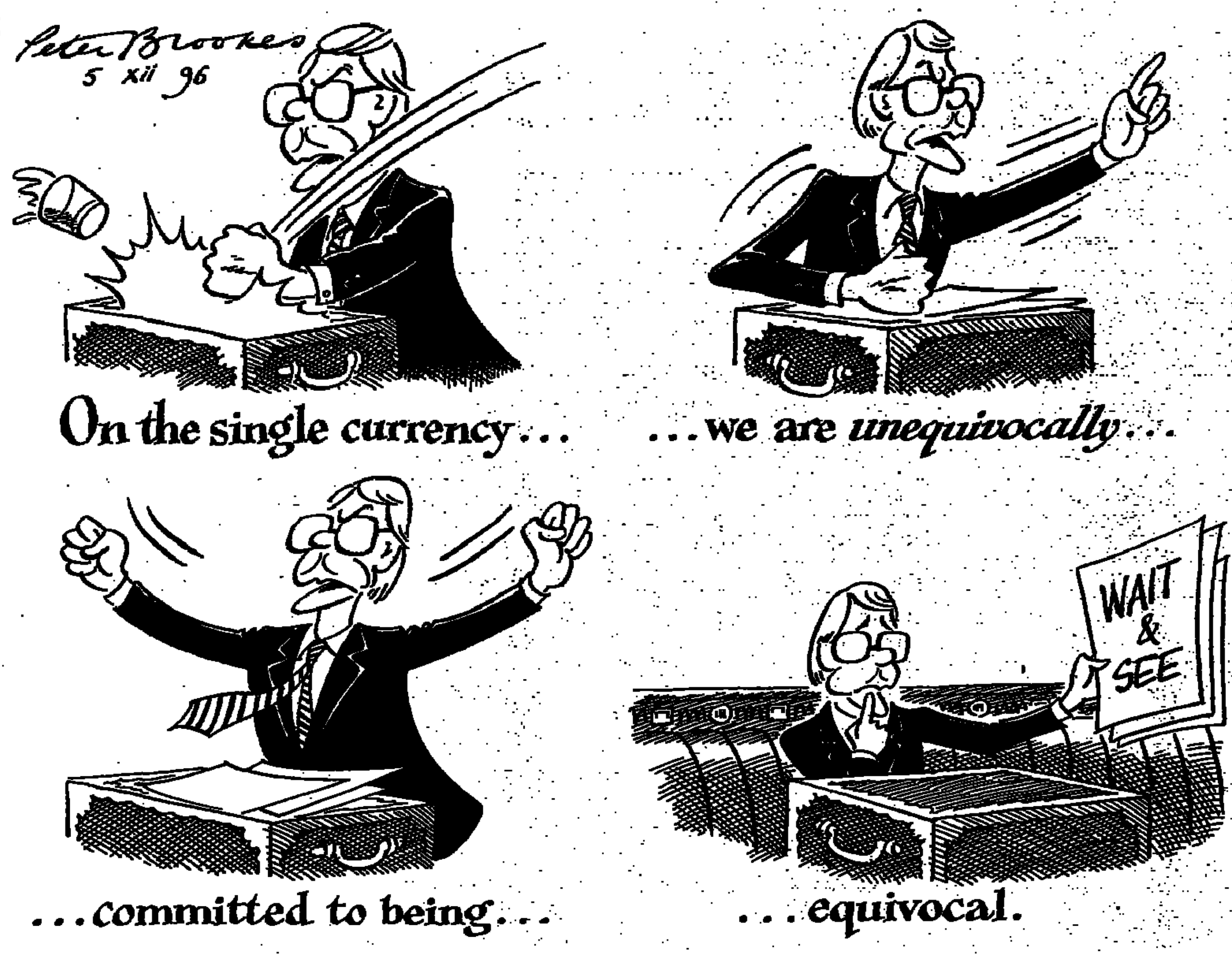


Why Scott had to go

Kensington and Chelsea Tories did not reject a lightweight, but a defender of Rab Butler's liberal Conservatism

William Rees-Mogg

I have known Nicholas Scott for some 35 years. I first met him about the time of my marriage. My father-in-law was the Mayor of St Pancras in 1962; we held the reception in the splendid St Pancras Town Hall, with its flight of marble stairs and old associations with George Bernard Shaw. Nick came because he had become a friend of my wife's family as a fellow member of the old Holborn and St Pancras Council.

The following year he was a successful national chairman of the Young Conservatives. Both he and I were supporters of Rab Butler in the 1963 leadership contest. I think he found my rejection of the Alec Douglas-Home leadership too vehement for his taste. He always had a feeling for party unity, as he does now.

Undoubtedly Nick has had bad luck, in politics and life; only a part of that has been in any way his fault. His star was in the ascendant in 1970 when he was appointed parliamentary private secretary to Iain Macleod, a powerful figure who planned to be a reforming Chancellor. Within a few weeks Iain had died. Later Ted Heath brought Nick into his Government. Within a few weeks Heath was no longer Prime Minister.

A year later there was a new leader, Margaret Thatcher, who saw Nick Scott as on the wrong wing of her party. She found him a useful and resilient minister, particularly in Northern Ireland, but kept him firmly out of the Cabinet. Her 11 years in office eclipsed the prospects of his career. Nevertheless, Nick Scott did have the potential to be a major politician — *Time* magazine was right about that. He has been a well-liked man in public life. He has the gift of political warmth, rather like the good Irish politicians of the United States. He was an influential figure among his contemporaries, an influence symbolised by the choice of *Nick's Diner* as the name for the club which brought together the younger Tory MPs of the Centre Left.

Nick was always himself a loyalist, loyal to Rab Butler, loyal to Iain Macleod, who were the two men in politics he most admired, but also loyal to his party leaders, Alec Douglas-Home, Ted Heath, the unsympathetic Margaret Thatcher and the much more sympathetic John Major. With some difference of circumstances, he could easily have had a much more successful career; for instance, if Iain Macleod had lived, Nick might well have been in a Macleod Cabinet in the 1970s, and might have ended his career as a Willie Whitelaw figure, genial, supportive, shrewd, close to the sources of power, perhaps a liberal Home Secretary. If Heath had won in 1974, and he nearly did, Nick's career would also have prospered.

At any rate, I have always liked him, though our political views have drifted quite far apart. Nick was never convinced by the monetarist revolution of the 1970s, by the Thatcherite revolution, nor by the opposition to Maastricht. I found myself convinced by all three; indeed I was against Maastricht well before the treaty was signed. The significance of Nick's rejection by his constituency can only be understood if one recognises that he is a significant political figure, and could have been a greater force in the Conservative Party than he ever actually was. Kensington and Chelsea have not rejected a lightweight, as the closeness of all the votes has shown. Nick has still had his fans, and justifiably so.

Part of the constituency argument was about the personal issues which lay on the surface. I am surprised that anyone can spend 30 years in the House of Commons, let alone a few years in Northern Ireland, without acquiring some tendency to fall over from time to time. It is, in the risk of taking excessive refreshment, a most terrible place. If one listens to the debates, one is soon driven out again by the cumbrous sophistries of second-rate minds. The bars are always open; there are endless hours of waiting, gossiping obsessively about who may be the next Prime Minister, and exchanging rounds of drinks. The parliamentary life is as conducive to excessive liquor as that of a barman on a cruise liner.

There was also the delicate problem of reconciling Kensington with Chelsea after the constituencies merged. In my mother's youth, in the Irish American world of the 1890s, the great division came between the lace curtain and the saloon bar Irish: my mother's family were distinctly lace curtain, and disapproved of the capers of the saloon keepers. In the same way Kensington is lace curtain and Chelsea is distinctly saloon bar, "with a twinkle in me eye".

Once, long before Nick Scott's time, I was shortlisted for the Conservative nomination for Chelsea and went down to see them. They then seemed to me to be charming afternoon people, the sort one might expect to drink brandy and soda on a trip to the Derby in a vintage Rolls-Royce. Kensington is much more severe. Someone once wrote that I was the only person who wore double-breasted pyjamas; they wear black tie with their pyjamas in Kensington. I doubt whether Nick was ever the ideal person to mediate the culture clash of the boroughs.

Yet the real point of division was not the Kensington/Chelsea divide, but a much more important difference inside the Conservative Party. Nick Scott's Conservatism was new when I first met him, but is now old. His is the moderate, liberal, consensus Conservatism of the 1960s; it is like that of Kenneth Clarke, it is a rather gentler version of the politics of Michael Heseltine. Nick is Europeanist in the style of the early 1970s, though he has always been far more of a party loyalist than Ted Heath has been for 20 years. I can well understand Nick's politics since I shared many of these attitudes in the 1960s, and I still find attractive the humanity which inspires his group.

The difference lies between those Conservatives who internalised the experience of the Thatcher years and those who have ultimately rejected it, either on pro-European grounds like Geoffrey Howe, or on more general grounds like Nick Scott. Monday night's vote rejected the liberal Conservatism of the 1960s in favour of the post-Thatcherite Conservatism which is emerging in the 1990s.

It is too early to be sure what the full character of that is going to be, but it will certainly address such issues as the size of the State, the level of taxation, the organisation of welfare and national independence, issues on which the Conservatism of the 1960s has little to say. Iain Macleod would certainly have faced these issues because he was, in fact, more of a radical than a liberal, but they did not arise in their present form in his time.

The Kensington and Chelsea constituents to whom I have spoken were all more concerned about issues of policy than about personal conduct, which many of them would have overlooked if they had agreed with Nick Scott's politics. There is always a great deal of tolerance for a man of friendly, easygoing nature. We know he would forgive us, so we tend to forgive him.

The rumour that Chris Patten might take over the seat in a by-election if the Conservatives lost at the general election was also damaging, both to Nick Scott and to Chris Patten. That is not the sort of manoeuvre constituencies like. In Britain Patten is still seen as the left-of-centre Conservative he used to be, though his Hong Kong speeches show that experience has changed him. Kensington and Chelsea would, I think, never have accepted the arrangement; I am not even sure that it was ever contemplated.

The real parallel to the rejection of Nick Scott is the isolation of Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine. They have managed to bully John Major into endorsing their line on the euro: the Conservatives will now go into the election refusing to say whether they intend to join a single currency or not. This is not what Major wants, nor what the Cabinet wants, nor at all what the candidates want.

The damage to their election prospects must be very great. Nick Scott has lost his seat because he no longer represents what Conservatives think. He has not changed his views as events have changed. Yet Kenneth Clarke is equally anachronistic and far more dangerous. The Conservative Party has rejected Nick Scott in Kensington and Chelsea, and would be equally happy to reject Kenneth Clarke in Westminster.

Plagues and public confidence

Scots health officers failed to stop a food poisoning panic, says **Magnus Linklater**

As the Great Plague swept London in the summer of 1665, wild rumours abounded. Samuel Pepys decided he had better not wear his new periwig to go with his coloured silk suit because he had bought it in Westminster, where the disease was now rife. He even wondered whether the plague would put an end to the fashion for powdered wigs, because everyone was convinced that infected human hair was being used to make them.

There is a whiff of that kind of panic reaction since the outbreak of *E. coli* poisoning in Scotland and of meningitis in Wales. The immediate instinct of some students at Cardiff was to quit the campus, putting as much distance as possible between them and the seat of the infection. The inevitable result was to spread the fear. In Scotland, things are worse. A series of shambolic decisions, or non-decisions, by local health boards has meant that uncertainty has bred faster than the bacterium itself.

Of course, a sense of proportion is important: the Plague of London killed 60,000 people in the city out of a population of 450,000. So far seven people have died in Scotland; two in Wales. But the irony is that while we know more about bacteria than the 17th century ever dreamt of, we are still caught unawares when they decide to strike. One reason is the insidious way in which new strains infiltrate our best defences.

Meningitis group C has to be treated swiftly, yet is difficult to diagnose; *E. coli* 1057 has, over the past decade, mutated into a virulent form which breeds faster than its more harmless relatives. Professor Hugh Pennington, who is heading the inquiry into the *E. coli* outbreak in Lanarkshire, admitted on Radio Scotland that no one quite knew why.

But it is not ignorance which has allowed the infection to spread, it is a failure of the system set up to combat it. We pay around £200 million a year for a variety of institutions and services aimed at making food safe; we have high-powered central monitoring systems like the Centre for Infection and Environmental Health in Scotland or the Public Health Laboratory Services in England, which employs 3,000 people including scientists, microbiologists and epidemiologists. But at the grass roots, where it counts, there is a all too often a lack of management skills and organisation.

There is one school of thought which says that we are all over-reacting — one small outbreak, not many affected, was the argument put last week by the writer A.N. Wilson, who said that only "a handful" of Scots had died, and complained that James Naughtie on the *Today* programme "spoke as if it was a matter of national interest that a few of his fellow-countrymen had the runs".

Not surprisingly, that crass remark caused great offence. It also ignored the serious implications of what has happened. The fatal five-day delay in revealing to the public the names of outlets to which contaminated meat had been sent has yet to be properly explained; now it emerges that the butcher at the centre of the scare was allowed to carry on supplying cooked meats to customers *after* his premises had been identified as the source of contaminated food.

Police have been called in, not just to see whether criminal proceedings are needed, but because they alone have access to the Home Office computer system which is needed to follow up the whereabouts of newly identified patients, explore their eating habits, and find out with whom they have been in contact.

Most suspicion has fallen inevitably on the butcher, John Barr of Wishaw, where the contamination is supposed to have taken place. But the real failure lies with local authorities, and ultimately the Scottish Office. In any place where raw meat, which carries the bacterium, and cooked meat which should kill it, exist together, there are clear rules which no butcher knowingly breaks. Health officers are there to ensure that this happens, but also to control the effects of any contamination. Here they failed. They failed to contain the outbreak once it was identified, and they failed to reassure the public once it had spread.

Why should this be so in a country which once led Europe in standards of public health? The answer is that, despite all the reassurances offered by the Scottish Office, public health has dropped down the list of spending priorities. That celebrated figure, the Medical Officer of Health, who inspired such awe in countless episodes of *Dr Finlay's Casebook*, no longer exists.

Instead, we have a system of environmental health officers and consultants, operating with small staffs, inadequate back-up, and an absence of managerial skills. They have no clear status, mandate or hierarchy. In those circumstances the present outbreak was a disaster waiting to happen.

Mr Barr, whose business has now been destroyed, may prove to be as much a victim of the system as those who have been stricken. We must wait to see where the inquiry points the finger of blame. I think I already know the answer.

Tight spot

AN ANSWER at last to the eternal question of what judges wear under their robes: ladies' stockings. The news comes from one of the highest-ranking judges in Britain, Mr Justice Hooper, of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court.

In a documentary, *The Verdict*, to be broadcast on BBC2 next week, Mr Justice Hooper talks of the problems of tights: "When I was first appointed as a silk and had to be sworn in, I bought a pair of ladies' tights, and I think that most judges feel that is the only way because people don't make silk stockings any longer."

Hooper: stocking man

He then hit upon "thigh highs", stockings with an elasticated top around the thigh to help them to stay up. "I do prefer those to tights, which I find very uncomfortable. Whether it's my anatomy or the male anatomy I leave for others to decide, but tights seem to sort of gradually slip down."

Judge's clerk Tim Nute confirms the judicial penchant for stockings rather than tights: "The judges have found that these were less restrictive," he explains, adding that he shops at Debenhams' ladies departments on behalf of his bosses. Ede & Ravenscroft, supplier of legal robes, takes a dim view of stockings: "We sell heavy black nylon tights, the kind generally worn by ballet dancers. They cover a multitude of sins," a spokesman said.

For guidance, I turned to Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, firmly in the stocking camp: "I used to wear two pairs of stockings on each leg," he says. "A cotton pair underneath and a silk pair on top. The cotton pair stops a man's hairs from showing through."

● *Yet more indignity is to befall the Royal Family at the hands of dauber André Durand, whose most recent contribution to fine art was a picture of Diana, Princess of Wales, dressed as a clown in a pizza parlour. His energies are now devoted to* The First Kill, *Prince William's fatal encounter with a Highland stag. "An extraordinary feat for one so young," Durand whines. "I was moved to record it for posterity."*

"Any chance of getting at that water on the Moon?"

THE TIMES DIARY

The Prince will be dressed in flowing red robes, his face smeared in the stag's spent blood and Balmoral Castle will nestle sweetly in the snow-capped peaks behind.

Cashing in

MICHAEL HESELTINE faces a revolt on Europe in his Henley constituency. Businessmen affiliated to the local Conservative Association recently invited Bill Cash, pinstriped Euro-basher and MP for Stafford, to give a talk on Maastricht etc. Cash was cheered to the rafters.

"They showed enthusiastic approval," concedes the pinstripe modestly. "I've spoken to four constituencies so far, none of them wildly Euro-sceptic and only one person out of six hundred has so far disagreed with me." Back at the Henley association, the news was greeted with astonishment. "It's the first we've heard of this," panicked an official, loyal to our manic-haired hero.

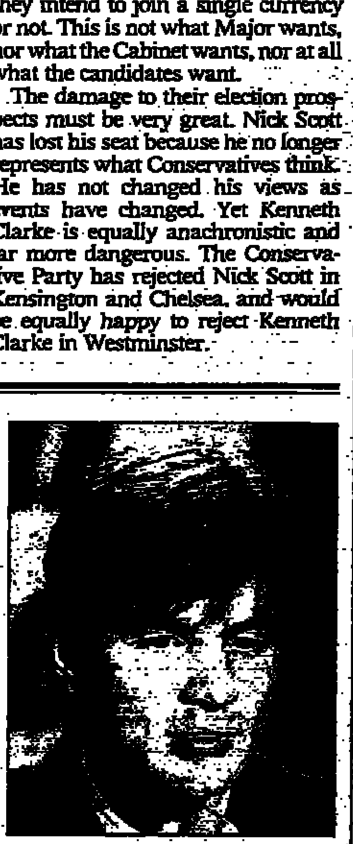
Hairy scary

THE SECRET of President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire's hairdressing habits are laid bare. The ailing leader has been flying in his stylist from New York every fortnight for a trim at his palace in the South of France. Perhaps only Bill Clinton, who once closed down Los Angeles airport for an emergency blow-dry on Air Force One while the plane remained on the runway, takes presidential hair so seriously.

Mobutu's concern for his *coiffeur* is not merely a question of vanity, however. National security is at stake — Mobutu's courtiers fear that a Zairean barber would use the clippings for *muti*, or African witch-doctory.

Going solo

MOVING problems are making life uncomfortable for George Stephanopoulos, senior adviser to President Clinton, who is leaving for a political teaching post at Columbia University. The high-rise prices of Manhattan are beyond his reach. Gorgeous George, the diminutive but highly eligible former Rhodes scholar who complained recently in *Vanity Fair* of being in debt, is struggling to sell his expensive apartment near Washington's Dupont Circle.


George: on the move

The duplex, at the centre of controversy over his personal funds, is on the market with no takers for a handsome $1.2 million (about £750,000). To add to his woes, Wendy Smith, his White House girlfriend, has apparently abandoned plans of joining him in New York.

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TEST OF TIME

A return to rigorous examinations is demonstrably overdue

Traditionalists have long suspected that the main reason for the rising pass rates in GSCE and A level is one that no parent, and no responsible teacher, should support: the examinations have simply been getting easier. Teachers have responded with indignation at this supposed slur on their profession. In *Standards over Time*, the report published today by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) and the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, the Government hoped to come up with evidence that would settle the argument one way or the other. But one of the most disturbing findings is that no accurate comparison is possible between results achieved and standards required 20 years ago, and those that obtain today.

This is not just because examination boards have not kept systematic records of examination answers and marking systems, to set alongside question papers. It is because the papers themselves, and the syllabuses followed by students, are as apples to oranges.

The inquiry looked at syllabuses, the papers set and — where these had not been thrown away by the boards — examination scripts in three core subjects, English, maths and chemistry. Only in maths were they able to show that standards in pure maths have declined, along with skills in such core disciplines as algebra and problem-solving; but that is mainly because the maths syllabus has remained relatively constant. Even over maths, dispute continues, with liberal teachers arguing that students are covering a wider field. Gillian Shephard will retort that this is no excuse for falling short in basic pencil-and-paper numeracy — lost to the calculator — or the mental discipline that algebra in particular imparts. She is right, and action must follow.

In English, two findings stand out: the loss of language skills; and the way in which literature syllabuses have drifted away from the traditional canon based on Chaucer, Milton or even Shakespeare in favour of modern literature. Leaving aside the cultural loss, command of language and vocabulary have suffered correspondingly. In this context, the lack of evidence that it is markedly easier to achieve an A grade in English GSCE than it was 20 years ago is doubly disturbing. It implies that today's students must struggle equally hard to make the grade in less demanding tests.

The merging of language and literature at GSCE level is clearly shown by the report's findings as a mistake to be reversed. Some students may, as some teachers argue, have become readier literary critics; all have lost out, in terms of mastery of such basics of linguistic proficiency as spelling and punctuation, through the stress on understanding rather than the boring grind of grammar.

The Government has been brave to press ahead with an inquiry from which it stands to gain little political profit. Creditably, Mrs Shephard is now prepared to ignore protests that comparison is invidious and odious, and draw some obvious policy conclusions. There must be a return to rigorous testing — which means far less use of calculators, "open book" tests and cribsheets — in basic grammar and work with numbers. There should also be a sharp reduction in the number of examination courses in order to achieve standards that are not only higher but more transparent; it is absurd, and a clear temptation to look for the soft option that will flatter league tables, that at present, schools can shop around among 45 competing maths courses.

In subject after subject, British universities are finding that students need American-style "foundation year" coaching to reach the levels required for first-year courses. In office after office, employers complain of lacks of basic skills. Understanding and creativity are delightful ornaments; but they must be built on memory — a skill most easily learned young — and on respect for facts and mental discipline.

BOHEMIAN GHOSTS

It is time to draw a line under the Sudetenland shame

For some 60 years, much blood and ink has been spilt over the Sudetenland. The ghost of Munich still stalks *Mitteleuropa*, and this bloodstained Bohemian-German border area most of all. At a meeting at Lisbon this week, Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the Czech Prime Minister, Vaćlav Klaus, agreed the broad outlines of a declaration which is intended to draw a line under the Nazi annexations and the Czech expulsions. Officials have been wrangling for two years, but the German Chancellor recently demanded a deal by Christmas. It looks as if Herr Kohl will get his wish.

The prewar Sudetenlanders were largely German-speaking, and most resisted assimilation into Czechoslovakia after the break-up of the Habsburg empire. Their desire to be reunited with the German Reich provided Adolf Hitler with a pretext to undermine a well-armed neighbour, then the only democracy in Central Europe, while testing British and French resistance to his expansionary demands. At Munich Neville Chamberlain and Edouard Daladier agreed to give Germany the Sudetenland, so depriving the Czechs of the means to defend their frontier. Hitler was hailed by the vast majority of Sudeten Germans. In March 1939 Hitler annexed Bohemia and Moravia, set up a puppet regime in Slovakia and ceded Ruthenia to his Hungarian allies.

Czechoslovakia had been extinguished as a nation state. One of the first Nazi atrocities to receive worldwide publicity was the destruction of Lidice and its male inhabitants in 1942 as a reprisal for the assassination of Heydrich, ruler of Bohemia and architect of the Final Solution.

When the German armies were finally driven out in 1945, and the Second Czechoslovak Republic established under Beneš, hostility towards the Sudeten Germans — seen as a Nazi fifth column — was understandable. It boiled over when up to three million of them were expelled in conditions of great brutality during the winter of 1945-46. All lost their property and many their lives. Ever since, the Sudeten Germans have formed a powerful revisionist lobby in Bonn, where their interests are championed by the Bavarian Christian Social Union, under the late Franz Josef Strauss and now Herr Kohl's Finance Minister, Theo Waigel. After the Communist coup in 1948, Prague pretended the Sudeten Germans had not existed for four decades; Bonn was equally deaf to Czech claims. Only after the Velvet Revolution in 1989 could the new President, Vaćlav Havel, in a noble gesture, offer his regrets to the dispossessed Sudeten Germans. That began to melt the ice, but the Klaus Government has had to tread the path of reconciliation carefully, all the more so since losing its majority earlier this year.

Nobody comes well out of this tale of betrayal, conquest, ethnic cleansing and denial. After a thousand years of mostly mutual respect, Germans and Czechs did terrible things to one another in the Thirties and Forties; neither nation has yet fully acknowledged its guilt. The new German-Czech declaration, whose terms are still secret, will not resolve the vexed questions of war crimes and property rights. But Prague is eager to join the EU and needs Bonn's support; for his part, Herr Kohl seems keen to lance this ancient boil. The peoples of Europe should respond: it is high time.

ANGLING ENEMIES

They don't shoot fellow fishers, do they?

The cormorant is famous for its love of fish. So, in his different ways, is the fisherman. The object of their loves has only the scaly choice between the beak of the former and the hooks of the latter. But, as we report today, a fish war has now broken out between anglers and cormorants. An underground culling campaign has begun, with anglers in combat camouflage shooting cormorants stealthily and illegally by night.

The provisional wing of the angling army has might if not right on its side. The latest *Economist* statistics report that 4 per cent of the adult population of Britain claim to go fishing in one form or another at least once a quarter. Even allowing for the extravagance of fishermen's claims, angling is the country's biggest participant sport. About four million fishermen of all sorts take part in activities that cost £1 billion and employ 80,000.

The cormorant too, however, is a wonder of nature. It is descended from high up the evolutionary family tree and is the most perfectly adapted predator for operating in the elements of air, water and land. The Japanese even use it as a surrogate fisherman with a ring around its neck to force it to disgorge its catch. Cormorants have been caught in traps in the Lake District more than 120 ft beneath the surface. But the cause of war is the cormorant's voracity. Its daily intake of fish averages 14-25 oz, equivalent to 15 per cent of its body weight. It catches fish that are not normally eaten for choice by human beings — but then, so do the anglers. Angling organisations allege that cormorants devour fish worth £1 million a year and that their clubs face ruin.

So they want cormorants taken off the protected list and classed as vermin through emendation of the 1981 Wildlife and Fisheries Act and several EU directives. This month's angling press carries such headlines as "Wipe out the Black Plague", and the president of the National Federation of Anglers is quoted as saying that "the short-term answer to the problem is to shoot the bloody things". Anglers at the Fritton Lake park in Norfolk employ a certain Margaret Thatcher (an American bald eagle with a 7ft wingspan) to scare off the cormorants.

Although anglers are at pains to distance themselves from other field sports, angling is no longer a contemplative waterside activity. Its big business has brought in greed and crime, smugglers and poachers who use cyanide and hand-grenades. Fishing is a true survival of man's activity as hunter-gatherer. But the cormorants have been at the game longer and are better adapted to it.

So anglers must learn to live and let live with the cormorants, as they do with such less efficient fishers as herons and kingfishers. Otherwise they will excite the attention not just of the Antis who oppose blood sports. They will also sound the alarm to the nation's bird-lovers, who outnumber even anglers and are even more dedicated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Straight talking on future of EU

From Mr R. J. Whitnell

Sir, With its lack of suitable plans for alternatives, should not the policy of "wait and see" be described rather as "wait till it's too late"?

Yours truly,
R. J. WHITNELL,
13 East Street,
Manea, Cambridgeshire.
December 4.

From Mr John Davis

Sir, Mr A. D. Gatling (letter, November 25) complains that we have been deceived for 25 years about the nature of the EEC/EU.

But who deceived Mr Gatling and those like him? Not the Europeans, who have never concealed the essentially federal nature of the union and its aspirations for ever closer integration. It has been our own political leaders. Some knew and were very economical with the truth. Some never bothered to find out.

I am at a loss to understand why Euro-sceptics outside Parliament are so keen to restore unfettered freedom of action to these snake-oil salesmen.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DAVIS,
54 Woodlands Road,
Bookham, Surrey.

From Mr John Wilkinson, MP for Ruislip, Northwood (Conservative)

Sir, You have done your readers a signal service in reprinting today much of Sir Roy Denman's suggested briefing note on Britain and Europe for a newly-elected President of the US in 2004. It demonstrates that those who have been campaigning against the process of "ever closer union" as set out in the Maastricht treaty are not tilting at windmills.

What is so depressing is not so much that a former high official of the European Union, who was at the heart of its policy and representation to the outside world in the 1980s, should be so candid about the federal destiny of the organisation for which he used to work. Rather the causes for concern are Sir Roy's defeatism about the prospects for the United Kingdom and his assumption that exclusion from the European Union would relegate Britain to second-class status in Europe.

Britain's aim has always been to secure a coalition of interests to counterbalance a preponderant central power on the Continent. Small countries can be economically successful without being politically absorbed into their continental hinterland. Chile, Taiwan and Singapore are good examples. In the case of Singapore it was leaving the Malaysian Federation which proved the spur to its spectacular and enviable economic growth.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WILKINSON,
House of Commons.
November 29.

From Mr J. B. da Silva

Sir, "Britain in 2004: out on a limb?" sounds rather like Switzerland. Would that be so dire?

Yours truly,
JOHN da SILVA,
Copse Close, Virginia Water, Surrey.
November 29.

From Lord Monson

Sir, In his vigorous clarion call for Britain to leave the EU (article, November 26) my cross-bench colleague Lord Wyatt of Weeford makes one small, if common, error: asserting that "We are obliged to shore up poor countries such as Greece, Portugal and Spain."

Yes, we are obliged by EU rules to help shore up these three countries, plus the Irish Republic. But no, they are not "poor" by world or even European (in the correct sense) standards. The worthy goal of friendship and free trade with our neighbours should not involve British taxpayers having to subsidise countries in the top quartile of the global prosperity league.

Yours faithfully,
MONSON,
House of Lords.

Ban on handguns

From Mr Laurie Hinds

Sir, I was proud to join the several thousands of fellow sportsmen in Hyde Park on Sunday (News in brief, December 2) rallying for the preservation of handgun target shooting. Proud also to see Ms Carol Page, our competitor in handgun shooting at the Atlanta Olympic Games, take centre stage on the platform.

But I was sad that irrational, emotional and ill-informed bias has resulted in proposals to ban most handguns and destroy a sport in which this country can be justly proud of its achievements. Sad, too, that the wheelchair-bound shooters who joined the rally will no longer have a sport in which they compete on an equal basis with the rest of us; sad that the compensation in excess of £100 million which will be paid to gun owners will not apply to the many businesses which will collapse; and even sadder that such funding will not be put to more constructive use in our society.

Yours faithfully,
LAURIE HINDS,
4 Mayfair Gardens,
Woodford Green, Essex.
December 2.

Search for Aids vaccine a 'priority'

From the Director of the National Aids Trust

Sir, Your leading article in support of World Aids Day (December 2) is most welcome, and most of its points are very well made.

However, there is one claim that bears closer examination. When you assert that "The overriding priority of Western governments is the search for a vaccine", it must be said that there is little evidence to support this, although there have recently been assertions by President Clinton and his Health Secretary, Donna Shalala, that vaccine research should indeed be of the highest priority.

As a matter of record, only a small fraction of public research funds in the United States have been allocated directly to vaccine work, yet even that outweighs the combined efforts of the rest of the world.

When private and commercial investments are taken into account, the picture is even worse. The market for vaccines is perceived to be in countries that cannot afford to pay for them, and is assessed as being smaller than that for just one comparatively minor drug.

Although a number of promising approaches exist — and some have been identified by British researchers, funded by our own Medical Research Council — they appear to be languishing for lack of private investors prepared to join in partnerships with a view to bringing them to market.

Furthermore, as emphasised by the International Aids Vaccine Initiative launched earlier this year in Vancouver, there has been an over-concentration of the little vaccine research that has been done on the one rather peculiar subtype of HIV that is commonest in Europe and North America, at the expense of the other subtypes which affect the majority of people with HIV worldwide.

No one would argue that vaccine research should be pursued at the expense of all other approaches. There is much to be achieved in HIV and Aids prevention globally by improving treatment for other sexually transmitted diseases and for tuberculosis, through condom provision, screening of blood transfusions and education programmes. Similarly, research on treatments has a long way to go before there will be genuinely practicable and affordable options for the majority of people with HIV.

However, it is an increasingly widespread expert view that current efforts towards HIV vaccine research are grossly inadequate, and that vaccines should be accorded a much higher priority.

The British Government's record in this area has been better than many, and it may be time to review how as a society we could make an even stronger contribution to the long-term goal of eradicating HIV and Aids.

Yours sincerely,
DEREK BODELL,
Director,
National Aids Trust,
New City Cloisters,
188-196 Old Street, EC1.
December 2.

From the Chief Executive of the Terrence Higgins Trust

Sir, I welcome your leading article "Day of Aids". You rightly point out that panic and paranoia often shape the response to this virus and recognise the continued importance of Aids education programmes and safer-sex campaigns, however difficult and at times controversial these are to run.

World Aids Day is also an appropriate time to reinforce the importance of the ultimate goal of finding a vaccine and to ask why this research is being starved of funds.

Yours sincerely,
NICK PARTRIDGE,
Chief Executive,
The Terrence Higgins Trust,
52-54 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.
December 2.

Children and TV

From Mr Ian Curteis

Sir, Mr Paul Berry is right (letter, November 22). The 9pm television watershed has become a useless anachronism and should be replaced by some form of certification of programmes; but does this go far enough?

Of children aged 10-16, 53 per cent now have their own, unsupervised, TV sets in their bedroom. They can easily circumvent the watershed and I am perfectly certain most do. Thirteen per cent have their own video recorders, allowing them to record and play back any programme however late at night, however violent, "adult" and explicit and whatever its future certification (article, Media, December 4).

With 401 killings shown in a typical week of British television (there are 14 *actual* killings per week in this country), 119 woundings with guns, knives and other weapons, 188 brawls and 27 acts of sexual violence, it is not hard to see what effect this may have on a child in his or her subconscious perception of what is acceptable, even glamorous, in the adult world.

Perhaps broadcasters should turn their minds to what can effectively replace the watershed. It could be that certification plus some simple form of electronic tagging on programmes, coupled with a simple control within the TV set that would allow some categories of programmes through but not others — at parents' control — might be the way forward.

Yours truly,
IAN CURTEIS,
The Mill House, Coln St Aldwyns,
Cirencester, Gloucestershire.
November 25.

Down's syndrome

From the Ambassador of The Netherlands

Sir, Tucker Carlson's article ("When a life is worth living", November 29) states that "infants with Down's syndrome are routinely starved to death in Dutch hospitals". Since the article lacked statistical evidence for this incomprehensible statement I have asked the Foundation for Down's Syndrome in The Netherlands to provide me with the appropriate data.

One out of 800 newborn babies in The Netherlands suffers from Down's syndrome. This implies that approximately 200 Down's infants are born annually. Of those, at least 194 babies per year are registered — voluntarily — at the Foundation for Down's Syndrome.

According to the foundation's extensive knowledge, one case of a baby with Down's syndrome has been reported in which — upon request by the parents — doctors decided to withhold the necessary operations. I suppose that it is this single, well-known case, which was widely discussed in my country in 1987, that has led to such an offensive report.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. R. D. van ROIJEN,
Royal Netherlands Embassy,
38 Hyde Park Gate, SW7.
December 2.

Winter weather

From Mr T. L. José

Sir, Each year, as has been recently demonstrated, when winter sets in with bouts of snow and ice there is chaos on the roads and railways of Britain.

Surely it is time that there was a statutory obligation on highway and railway authorities to take appropriate action to minimise the effects of inclement weather conditions. The additional costs would no doubt be recouped from savings made to the National Health Service, vehicle insurance claims and damage to road and rail fabric.

Yours faithfully,
T. L. JOSÉ,
22 Shelbourne Place,
83 Park Road, Beckenham, Kent.
December 3.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Hitler and the Jews

From Mr Bryan Magee

Sir, It is not news that when Hitler was young he was not, at first, anti-Semitic (report, November 26). He tells us all about this at great length in *Mein Kampf*.

When he was a teenager, he says, he found anti-Semitism repellent, and the thought that Jews had been persecuted for their religion "sometimes almost turned my distaste at unfavourable remarks about them into horror" (page 48 of the currently available English translation). He then gives us, in the most lurid terms, a step-by-step account of his conversion to anti-Semitism, including even his backslidings ("I relapsed for weeks at a time, once even for months", p52).

Of the process as a whole he says "this was my greatest transformation of all" (p51). "It cost me the greatest inner soul struggles . . ."

No doubt this talk about inner soul struggles is due to the fact that the change was calculated and cynical. But the fact of the change itself has been known ever since the publication of *Mein Kampf*.

Yours truly,
BRYAN MAGEE,
12 Falkland House,
Marloes Road, W8.
November 26.

Unnatural selection

From Mr Michael Davies, FRCS

Sir, Twenty years ago, when I worked in the Seychelles, the ornithological talk on Mahé was of the Seychelles Scops owl, which had been recently "discovered" when barn owls were introduced to combat rats (report, November 29).

Unfortunately, fairy terns also proved irresistible to barn owls, which themselves then had to be culled. A small price was put on their heads, and among the owls collected was a Seychelles Scops owl, "extinct" in the islands since the turn of the century. (Carefully protected, it now exists in reasonable numbers.)

On that occasion, introduction of an alien species produced a bonus (though not the elimination of rats). Usually it causes disaster.

Yours sincerely,
M. DAVIES,
The Forest,
Benenden, Cranbrook, Kent.
November 29.

Easing the path to early retirement

From the Director of the Carnegie Third Age Programme

Sir, Your advice in today's excellent feature and leading article that people should phase in their retirement would be easier to act upon if more British employers made it possible.

Enabling people to move gradually towards retirement through part-time working makes sense for everyone concerned, particularly if the job is shared between an older and younger worker. French and German employers have been practising this for years. It has proved an effective means of retaining experience, passing on skills from one generation to another and reducing the anxiety that many feel at the onset of full retirement.

Sadly, few employers in the UK have made the relatively easy changes necessary to allow people to retire gradually without seriously damaging their pension entitlements.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WORSLEY,
The Carnegie Third Age Programme,
PO Box 160,
Burnham Norton,
Kings Lynn, Norfolk.
November 25.

From the Director of Family College

Sir, Your article by Jason Cowley makes early retirement or "portfolio life" seem particularly alluring at a time of shifting trends in employment practice and with the emotional attrition that prolonged job insecurity creates for the employee.

It makes only passing reference to the importance of a "supportive wife" in all this. Given the number of relationships that survive a working lifetime only to fail in retirement, I think it would have been helpful to spend more time looking at strategies for juggling career and family, rather than focusing on the supposed material necessities for a successful *troisième âge*, especially when this may need to be home-based.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN MOORE,
Director,
Family College,
King's House, 175 Wokingham Road,
Reading, Berkshire.
December 2.

From Mrs Ann Taylor

Sir, How infuriating are the smug people who claim that early retirement can "set you free" — as if we are not able to work that out for ourselves.

Being forcibly retired (ie, redundant) in one's early 50s with three months' salary as a "cushion" and ten years' loss (not just of earnings but of pension contributions) does not make one feel free. Of that you may be sure.

Yours faithfully,
ANN TAYLOR,
5 The Meadows,
Drinkstone, Suffolk.
November 25.

Lateral thinking

From Ms Cheryl Jones

Sir, If, for fear of being bugged by the police, lawyers have to adopt the practice of taking their clients' instructions in museums (letter, today), will legal aid be stretched to cover the costs of entering the museums (letters, also today)?

Yours faithfully,
CHERYL JONES,
16 Maybourne Grange,
Turnpike Link, East Croydon, Surrey.
December 2.

Heart to hub

From Ms Laura Lewis

Sir, We were delighted to hear that your correspondent whose hubcaps were stolen (letter, November 28) did not require counselling.

However, other victims are not in such an advantageous position and can find even what to some would be considered the most minor crimes very distressing. They are grateful for the emotional support and practical help that Victim Support can offer.

Yours faithfully,
LAURA LEWIS
(Co-ordinator), South Westminster
Victim Support Scheme,
38 Ebury Street, SW1.
November 28.

From Mr Barrie N. Davies

Sir, Some years ago, my wife and I were shopping in a supermarket when our trolley was taken from behind us by a leggy young man who ran off with it, somehow evading the checkouts. The trolley held a dilapidated and empty briefcase, a rented video and a pound of onions.

The supermarket reported the theft and the following week we were offered counselling. We wondered what could possibly be said to comfort us.

Yours sincerely,
BARRIE N. DAVIES,
22 Grange Road, Ealing, W5.

From Mr Ken Beere

Sir, Those who jeer so readily at the offer of counselling for the loss of their hubcaps patently do not have a car-owning son.

Yours faithfully,
KEN BEERE,
Pump Cottage,
Slindon, Arundel, West Sussex.
November 30.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 4: His Excellency U Win Aung was received in audience by The Queen and presented the *Letters of Recall* of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Union of Myanmar (Burma) to the Court of St James's.

Daw San Yone was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

The Very Reverend Michael Mayne was received by The Queen upon his retirement as Dean of Westminster and delivered up his Badge of Office as Dean of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, when *Her Majesty invested* him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening arrived at Manchester Deansgate Station and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to the Bridgewater Hall and were received by Councillor Derek Shaw (Lord Mayor of Manchester).

The Queen opened the Hall and, with The Duke of Edinburgh, toured the building and attended a Reception before attending an inaugural concert.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Outward Bound Trust, this morning chaired a meeting of the Council at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 4: The Duke of York, Patron, the Royal Marine and Royal Navy 1997 Atlantic Rowing Team, today attended the launch of the team's boat at the Ivory House, St Katharine's Dock, London E1.

His Royal Highness this evening attended the rugby match between the Combined Services and the Argentine at the Rectory, Devonport, Plymouth, and was received by Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Gerken (Deputy Lieutenant of Devon).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 4: The Princess Royal, *President, The Princess Royal's* Trust for Carers, this morning visited Wandsworth Carers Centre, 181 Wandsworth High Street, London SW18, and attended the Wandsworth Carers Conference at the Dryburgh Hall, Dryburgh Road, London SW15.

Her Royal Highness, President, this afternoon visited Save the Children Fund's Headquarters, 66 South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall, London SW8.

The Princess Royal, Commandant in Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, later attended a briefing on "Care in the Community" at St John House Club, 51 Eaton Place, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Logistic Corps, subsequently received Colonel Michael Lake upon relinquishing his appoinment as Regimental Colonel and Colonel Nigel Gilbert upon assuming the appointment.

The Princess Royal this evening present the Torch Trophy Trust's, Annual Awards at Simpson (Piccadilly) Limited, London W1.

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, later presided over a Dinner at St James's Palace for the Heads of Delegation attending a conference on the implementation of peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 4: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, a Master of the Middle Temple, was pleased to dine with her fellow Benchers at the Middle Temple this evening.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 4: The Prince of Wales this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from the United Arab Emirates.

Mr Stephen Lamport and Lieutenant-Commander John Lavery RN were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 4: The Duke of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, the *Royal Logistic Corps, this afternoon* received Colonel Michael Lake on relinquishing the appointment of Regimental Colonel and Colonel Nigel Gilbert on assuming the appointment.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
December 4: Princess Alexandra, Vice-President of the British Red Cross Society, this morning visited the Lancaster and Morecambe Centre in Albert Road, Morecambe, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire(Sir Simon Towneley).

Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, *this afternoon* presided at ceremonies for the conferment of Higher Degrees and Postgraduate Diplomas at Lancaster University.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Mr Michael Parker to be a Serjeant-at-Arms to Her Majesty in succession to Mr Peter Hartley.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Cross Street, Manchester, at 11.45; and accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, she will open the Humanities Building, Manchester Metropolitan University, at 12.10; and will open the Greater Manchester Police Claytonbrook Complex at 2.40.

The Duke of York will attend the lighting of the Norwegian Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square at 6.00; and will attend a dinner given by the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen at Fishmongers' Hall at 6.50 to mark the centenary of its Royal Charter.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of Victim Support, will preside at the 14th meeting of the Advisory Board at Church House, at 9.30; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the Festival of Trees gala dinner at the Natural History Museum at 7.50.

Sir Henry Nevile

A Requiem Mass for Sir Henry Nevile will be celebrated in Lincoln Cathedral on Wednesday, January 29, at noon. All are welcome. Tickets from Clerk to the Lieutenancy, County Office, Newland, Lincoln. LN1 1YL.

Dr Bernard Rose

A memorial service for Dr Bernard William George Rose will be held in the Chapel of Magdalen College, Oxford, on Saturday, February 1, 1997, at 3pm.

Party

"Not Forgotten" Association
Marshal of the RAF Lord Craig of Radley, Admiral Sir David Williams, and Commandant Anthea Larken, Presidents of the "Not Forgotten" Association, attended the annual Christmas party for disabled ex-servicemen and women held yesterday at St James's Palace.

KEVIN LAMARQUE

It was time yesterday for the annual tooth-cleaning of Diplodocus, a 75ft long replica dinosaur at the National History Museum, South Kensington. Four cleaners spend two days getting Diplodocus clean enough to face another year

Birthdays today

Mr John Baker, chairman, National Power, 59; Viscount Bridgeman, 66; Mr José Carreras, tenor, 49; Lord Chalfont, 77; Miss Lucie Clayton, model agent, 68; Sir William Downward, former Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, 84; Lord Dubs, 64; Miss Enid M. Essame, former Headmistress, Queenswood School, Hatfield, 90; Mr Tommy Graham, MP, 52; Mr P.J. Grant, former chairman, Sun Life Assurance Society, 67; the Very Rev Derek Hole, Provost of Leicester, 63; Mr John Home *Robertson, MP, 48; Sir* Peter Kitcatt, former secretary to the Speaker, 69; Mr Hanif Kureishi, writer, 42; Little Richard, singer and pianist, 61; the Earl of Longford, KG, 91; Mr Sheridan Morley, author and broadcaster, 55; Lord Napier and Ettrick, 66; Lord Nathan, 74; Mr Jeremy Sandford, writer, 62; the Earl of Scarbrough, 64; Mr Harold Sebag-Montefiore, barrister, 72; Mr Bill Skitt, former Chief Constable, Hertfordshire, 55; Dame Mary Smieton, civil servant, 94; Mr Adam Thorpe, poet, 40; Mr David Yorke, former president, Royal Institution of *Chartered Surveyors, 65.*

Reception

Torch Trophy Trust
The Princess Royal presented the Torch Trophy Trust Awards for 1996 at a reception held yesterday evening at Simpson (Piccadilly) Ltd. She was received by Sir Richard Buckley, KCVO, Chairman of the Torch Trophy Trust, and Mr J.C.R. Franks, Chief Executive of DAKS Simpson Group plc. Among those present were:

The Right Hon Lord Aberdare, KBE, Lady Buckley, Sir Roger and Lady Bannister, Sir Peter and Lady Yarranton, Dame Mary Glen Haig, Mr M Denness, Mr and Mrs J G M Hart, Mr and Mrs J W T Hill, Mr and Mrs G T Janes, Mr P Jennings, Mr T Jones, Mr R H G Kelly, Mr I D Peacock, Mr P Shervington, Dr D W C Smith, Mrs P Smith and Mr D Ulton.

The Atlantic Council

Mr William D. Rogers was the speaker at a forum arranged by the Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom at Atlantic House, SW1, last night. Mr Alan Lee Williams presided.

Institute of Actuaries

The following candidates have completed the examinations requirements for the qualification of Fellowship of the Institute of Actuaries.

Arora, N K (London)

Bacon, Miss K E (Sydney); Barnard, M W (London); Berelowitz, R B (Cape Town); Birchall, Miss L M (Manchester); Blake, S E (London); Bratton, R P (London); Britch, Mrs L (Manchester); Brogden, A J (London); Brown, C A (London); Byrne, C J (Dublin)

Callan, G L (Cheltenham); Christie, D L (London)

Davey, K W (Croydon); De Haan, R D (London); den Dekker, T O (London); Dodhia, N (London); Draper, I M (London)

Fisher, S (London); Forrest, C M (Lytham ST Annes); Frum, N (TEL Aviv); *Furber, L R (Croydon)*

Gibney, P J A (Oxford); Greenland, P (Birmingham); Griggs, D (Peterborough)

Harris, T J (Croydon); Hennessy, R A (Liverpool); Heron, S P (Liverpool); Hobbs, D A (Bristol); Holland, P (Manchester); Hope, T E (Johannesburg); *Hue, Miss B L* (Cape Town); Hunt, J P (London)

Jewson, C P (London); Jowett, T G L (Croydon)

Karodia, Miss N (Oxford (); Kite, Miss J C (Croydon); Knowles, G G (Croydon); Kostiw, P (London)

Laws, S (Birmingham); Lee, G R (Auckland); Lewis, Mrs J L (London); Lewry, M K (Tunbridge Wells); Lightwood, D S (Birmingham)

McCrossan, J D (Peterborough); McIlveen, Miss R V (London); Malcolm, Mrs H (London); May, J L (Glasgow); Mitchell, Miss N S (Norwich); Mody, R (London); Murphy, M A (Croydon); Murphy, Miss M E (Dublin)

Naughton, C M S (Dublin)

O'Flaherty, D T (Dublin); Orton, T R (Liverpool)

Pearson, Ms J A (Bristol); Poon, K-C S (Peterborough)

Raddall, P A (Horsham); Rebuck, M I (London); Richardson, D L (London); Roberts, P J (Oxford)

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Turnbull, A J (Edinburgh); Turner, A P (Dublin); Vassiliades, R R (Peterborough); Vulkan, D P (London)

Wakerly, R G (Norwich); Willder, M (Norwich); Wilson, D C E (London); Wren-Kirkham, C J (Lytham ST Annes); Wrenn, S A (London); Wright, G P (Birmingham); Young, M P (Hertford)

Latest wills

Robert Lewis Eyre Wilkins, of Mayfield, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,124,779 net.

Lilian Violet Yannedis, of West Teddington, Middlesex, left estate valued at £1,154,271 net.

May Victoria Heath-Pardoe, of Forest Row, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,654,695 net.

She left £5,000 each to: International League for the Protection of Horses, Wood Green Animal Shelter, RNIB, *Marie Curie Memorial* Foundation, RSPCA, and RNLI.

Ian Anthony Marigold Heelas, of Thurleston, Kingsbridge, Devon, left estate valued at £1,024,500 net.

Frederick Richard George Bell, of London SW3, left estate valued at £2,222,772 net.

He left £2,500 to St Luke's Church, *Sydney Street,* Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London; plus shares in residuary estate to National Trust, *RSPB,* National Art Collections Fund and Honourable Artillery Company Benevolent Fund.

Joan Primrose Beale, of Alderbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £1,119,612 net.

She left shares in her estate to British Heart Foundation, Salvation Army, Doctor Barnardo's, Hampshire Association of Boys' Clubs, Salisbury Hospice Care Trust, Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney, Parish Church of St Peter, West Tytherley, Salisbury, Parish Church of West Grinstead, Salisbury, Parish Church of Alderbury, Salisbury and the Girl Guides Association.

Grete Salinger, of London W1, left estate valued at £1,982,531.12 net.

She left £1,000 to the Women's Group of the Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and £500 to the League of Jewish Women.

Mary Helen Raymond-Way, of Regent's Park, London NW8, left estate valued at £1,086,051 net.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford, statesman, London, 1661; Christina Rossetti, poet, London, 1830; John Rushworth Jellicoe, 1st Earl Jellicoe, Admiral of the Fleet, Southampton, 1859; Josef Pilsudski, Chief of State of Poland 1918-22, Prime Minister 1926-28 and 1930, Zulow, Lithuania, 1867; Fritz Lang, film director, Vienna, 1890; Walt Disney, animated cartoonist and film producer, Chicago, 1901; Emeric Pressburger, film producer, Hungary, 1902; Otto Preminger, film director, Vienna, 1906.

DEATHS: Sir Henry Wotton, diplomat and poet, Eton, 1639; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Vienna, 1791; Alexandre Dumas *père*, novelist, Puys, France, 1870; Sir Henry Tate, founder of the Tate Gallery, London, 1899; Claude Monet, painter, Giverney, France, 1926; Vachel Lindsay, poet, Springfield, Illinois, 1931.

James Christie, a London auctioneer, held his first sale in London, 1766.

The *Mary Celeste* was found abandoned, drifting in the Atlantic with a cargo of alcohol, 1872.

Prohibition was repealed in America, 1933.

Today is the anniversary of the first meeting of the British Council, known then as the British Committee for Relations with Other Countries, 1934.

Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire

Lord Shuttleworth has been appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire in succession to Sir Simon Towneley who will be retiring on December 14.

Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire

Mr Martin Dunne has been appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire in succession to Viscount Daventry who will be retiring on December 17.

Retirement

Judge Laughland, QC, has retired from the Circuit Bench on the South Eastern Circuit.

Dinners

The Speaker
The Speaker gave a dinner last night in Speaker's House in honour of a Parliamentary Delegation from Bolivia led by Mr George Prestel, President of the Chamber of Deputies. The Bolivian Ambassador was also present. The other guests were:

Mr Jacques Arnold, MP, Mr Andrew Bennett, MP, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, MP, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, MP, Mr Andrew Faulds, MP, Dame Janet Fookes, MP, Mr George Foulkes, MP, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Dame Jill Knight, MP, Mr Thomas McAvoy, MP, Mr David Marshall, MP, Mr Greg Pope, MP, Mr Michael Stephen, MP, Mr John Wilkinson, MP, Miss Diana Abt, Canon Donald Gray, Mr Henry Hogger, Mr David Ramsay, Mr Jim Rodgers, Mr Michael Urwick and Mr Nicolas Bevan.

Company of Tin Plate Workers
Dr Robert While, Master of the Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers, assisted by Mr Henry Mutkin and Mr William Warbey, Wardens, presided at a court dinner held yesterday at St Bartholomew's Hospital. Dr Phil Hammond was the guest speaker.

During the dinner the Master presented the 1996 Travelling Scholarship to Miss Eleanor Rees a student of Imperial College.

Dean Close School
The Michaelmas Term Dinner of The Bollinger Club, Dean Close School, was held on Wednesday, November 27, at which Mr Martin Bell, War Correspondent for the BBC, was chief guest. Also present were Mr C.M. Kenyon (President), Nicholas Ball (Chairman), Mrs L.S. Allington (Senior Member) and the Headmaster and Mrs Bacon.

Anchorites
Judge Sessions was the principal guest at the monthly dinner of the Anchorites held last night at the Café Royal.

Byron Society
Mr Geoffrey Bond, chairman-elect of the Byron Society, presided at a Christmas dinner held last night at the Carlton Club. Mr Anthony Lejeune was the principal speaker.

Luncheon

The University of Buckingham
The Chairman of the Council of the University of Buckingham, Sir Nigel Mobbs, was the host at a luncheon for the retiring Vice-Chancellor, Sir Richard Luce, and Lady Luce, at the University yesterday.

Appointment

Sir Richard Luce has been appointed Governor to Gibraltar in succession to Admiral Sir Hugo White.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J. Bleasdale
and Miss C.L.A. Havilland
The engagement is announced between Christopher, second son of the late Mr Thomas Bleasdale and of Mrs Mary Bleasdale, of Houghton-le-Spring, County Durham, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Havilland, of Wimbledon.

Mr J.F.B. Carlisle
and Miss C.V. Clark
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Carlisle, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Clark, of Ennismore Garden Mews, London.

Mr M.J. De Morgan
and Miss K.A. Conly
The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael De Morgan, of Cape Town, South Africa, and Kimberly, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Dale Conly, of Hudson, Ohio, USA.

Mr J.P. Elvin
and Miss E.A-M. Halpin
The engagement is announced between Julian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Simon Elvin, of Cookham Dean, Berkshire, and Emma, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Cecil Halpin, of Ealing.

Mr W.S. Gilmore
and Miss K.J. Taylor
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr Stephen Gilmore, of Edinburgh, and the late Mrs Elizabeth Gilmore, of Little Barrington, Oxfordshire, and Katherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Taylor, of Castletown, Isle of Man.

Mr G.N. Kennedy
and Miss T.L. Lloyd
The engagement is announced between Gordon, elder son of Mr Ian Kennedy and Mrs Lyn Kennedy, and Tracey, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Lloyd, of Lichfield.

Mr S.N. Proctor
and Miss V.M. Ash
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs John Grieve, of Chorley Wood, Hertfordshire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Ash, of Danbury, Essex.

Mr N.J. Sargeaunt
and Miss C.L. Honey
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Sargeaunt, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Honey, of North Stoke, Oxfordshire.

Medieval Welsh court found hidden by sand

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the lost royal courts of the medieval Princes of Gwynedd, the last independent rulers of Wales, has been found under sand on the island of Anglesey.

Among the remains are the largest medieval hall known in northwest Wales, although the establishment was "curiously unluxurious", according to Neil Johnstone of the Gwynedd Archaeological Trust, who excavated the site this summer.

The court or *llys* was similar to an English manor, although a perimeter wall protected the hall and its ancillary buildings. The hall itself had stone foundations, but was probably built of timber, and some of the smaller structures may have been thatched.

The site, at Rhosyr near Newborough, is one of several royal townships whose locations are known from historical documents.

Each estate would have had only one high-status dwelling, Mr Johnstone says in *British Archaeology*, so that the Rhosyr hall could confidently be identified as the prince's establishment in spite of the modesty of the finds.

These included a spur, rings, and coins, the latter minted as far away as Canterbury and Berwick on Tweed. Pottery came from eastern England and Bordeaux, indicating long-distance trade in the 13th century.

After the English conquest the royal courts were often abandoned, although the ruins of the Rhosyr buildings were still visible in the 18th century.

Nothing survived above ground when the trust began its excavations on Anglesey this summer, although the location, *cae llys*, "field of the court", kept its name into modern times to guide the searchers.

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BIRTHS

BLACKABY - On 28th November 1996, to Laura and Nigel, a daughter, Eve Phillips, a sister for Joseph.

EDWARDS - On 28th November, to Rupert and Olivia (née Brown), a daughter, Eliza Nicola, a sister for Joshua and Millie.

HOARE - On November 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Jennifer (née Donohue) and Richard, a daughter, Héloïse Trafalgar Agnès Archer.

HORLOCK - On November 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Nagle) and David, a beautiful daughter, Rosie Alice.

HUNTER - On November 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Beth and Paul, a beautiful son and *first* child, Alexander Connachy.

HYMERS - On 2nd December, to Gillian and Alasdair, a son George Alexander, a brother for James, Lucy and Joe.

KING - On 1st December, to James and Kate (née Selly), Josie, a sister for Harry.

LOS - On November 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Amanda and Arjen, a daughter, Juliana Amanda Frederique. A sister for Anneke.

McKECHNIE - On November 29th, to Christina (née Graham) and Dermot, a son, Miles William Ludovic, a brother for Iona.

STICKLAND - On December 3rd 1996, to Marysia (née Powys Maurice) and Charlie, a son, Joshua Michael.

STRATTON-CHRISTENSEN - On November 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Victoria (née Wilkinson) and Justin, a daughter, Natasha Anne.

MARRIAGES

SNOXALL-BRIAN-BOYS - Derek and Gillie were married quietly on December 2nd.

DEATHS

ALLPRESS - Robert Geoffrey, December 2nd, suddenly on holiday in New Zealand. Adored husband of Sylvie and father of Phoebe. Cremation in Sydney, Australia. Memorial at St Nicholas Church, Arundel, to be arranged.

BACON - Dennis Alfred died peacefully after a long struggle at the John Radcliffe Hospital on Tuesday December 3rd aged 66 years. Much loved husband of Anne and father of Karen, Kim and Garth. The funeral service will be held at *St Johns Chapel, Oxford* Crematorium on Saturday December 7th at 11 am. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for The British Liver Trust may be sent to R.V. Mallett, 124 Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford OX3 7AF.

BASS - Joan Winifred peacefully at her home in St John's Wood on 29th November 1996 after a long and courageous fight against cancer. Funeral and burial 12 noon December 12th at St Peter's Church, Thundersley, Essex, in accordance with her wishes. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 83 Westbourne Grove, W2, 5 pm latest December 11th. Enquiries *(0171) 229-3810.*

BLAKIE - On 3rd December 1996, very peacefully, Agnes Mary (Maimie) McIntyre, of Ragnarok, Highfield Road, Scone, Perth, dearly beloved wife of David, dearest loving companion to Anne, Kay, Joan and grandchildren, and much loved aunt of Patricia, Clouston, and Ruaraidh and their families. R.I.P. Funeral Service at Scone New Church on Friday 6th December at 2.15pm to which all friends are invited, thereafter private cremation. No flowers please. Donations may be sent to Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, 65 Castle Street, Edinburgh.

BRADLEY-MOORE - Deborah Margaret on December 1st aged 89. Beloved by all who knew her, she will be sadly missed. Funeral Monday December 9th 2 pm St Mary's Church, Thatcham. Family flowers only. Donations to Oxfam.

CORKHAN - Major Giles Seymour, peacefully on 2nd December at Bramley, Surrey. Dearly loved by family and friends.

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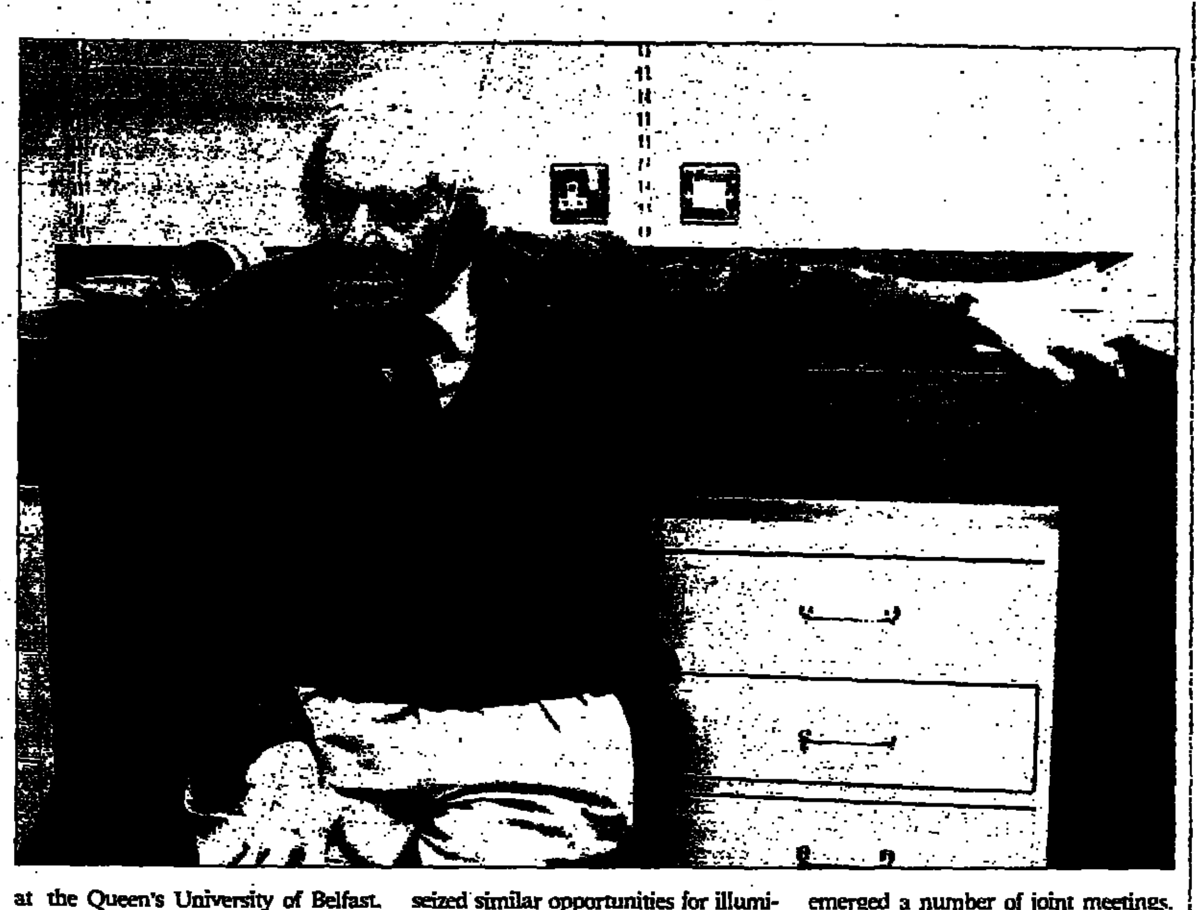
PROFESSOR MARTYN JOPE

Martyn Jope, FBA, Professor of Archaeology at the Queen's University of Belfast, 1961-81, died on November 14 aged 80. He was born on December 28, 1915.



A biochemist by training but an archaeologist by inclination, Martyn Jope might have made a distinguished career in either field. In the end, he chose archaeology. Already in the 1930s he was making formative contributions to the then emerging discipline of medieval archaeology. In 1949, after a productive decade as a research biochemist, he founded and for 32 years headed the Department of Archaeology at Queen's, Belfast.

His contribution to Irish archaeology — mostly in the medieval and post-medieval fields — was recognised by his membership of the Royal Irish Academy. Both at Belfast and through his British Academy fellowship and University of Bradford visiting professorship, he was instrumental in fostering science-based archaeology in Britain.

Latterly his research focused increasingly on the early Celtic art of the British Isles. His work in this area, to be fully revealed only in a volume yet to be published, promises to provide his principal literary legacy.

Of Cornish extraction, Edward Martyn Jope was educated at Whitgift School, Croydon, and Kingswood School, Bath. As an open scholar at Oriel College, Oxford, he read chemistry while, like so many others before and since, he honed his archaeology as secretary and president of the University Archaeological Society. On graduation he joined the staff of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (Wales). At this time his own West Country interests led him, with R. I. Threlfall, to excavate a medieval settlement at Bere near North Tawton, Devon, and to produce one of the first recorded plans of a medieval peasant house in England.

The year 1940 saw Jope back as a biochemist working at the London Hospital with Nuffield Foundation support on haemoglobins in human blood. Later the Medical Research Council supported his research on the application of spectro-chemical methods and spectromicroscopy to biological problems. Archaeology proved too tempting, however, and under the initiative of the redoubtable geographer Estyn Evans, he was recruited to a new lectureship in archaeology at the Queen's University of Belfast.

For the next three decades Jope and his wife Margaret, a biochemist, worked in Belfast during term-time and lived in Oxford during the vacations, developing a parallel research career in each place. The 1950s saw a frenzy of activity in both countries. At Queen's, undergraduate courses were established in both the arts and science faculties. In the Ministry of Finance the new Archaeological Survey of Northern Ireland was established under Jope's day-to-day direction and its distinguished staff, his old friends Dudley Waterman and Pat Collins, duly recruited.

A golden age of excavation and research in Northern Ireland ensued, Jope himself turning his skill at building analysis and highly perceptive excavation to structures and sites all over the Province. By 1966, when *An Archaeological Survey of County Down* was published, with Jope's authoritative general sections, the archaeology of the Province had been catapulted to modern standards.

At Oxford in the vacations Jope seized similar opportunities for illuminating fieldwork at key sites such as Ascot Doilly Castle, Deddington Castle, the medieval pottery kilns at Brill, and at sites in Oxford including clinical trenches in Oxford Castle that provided crucial dating for early medieval pottery. Such excavations offered an opportunity for studies of the medieval pottery of the Oxford region and of the South West which formed the basis for all subsequent work.

As the Queen's department grew in strength and reputation, Jope was able to attract to it research funding to develop archaeological science. The Nuffield Quaternary Research Unit took a team approach to the problems of archaeology, bringing together botanists, a soil scientist and the osteoarchaeological skills of Jope's wife Margaret — in the 1950s, an idea well before its time.

Jope's record as an entrepreneur in the development of archaeological science and his personal background as a biochemist made him a natural link between the British Academy and the Royal Society, from which there emerged a number of joint meetings.

He led the academy's campaign to obtain separate government funding for archaeological science, and from 1977 he served on the first science-based archaeology committee. His advice also benefited the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (Wales), where he was a commissioner for 20 years; the Ancient Monuments Board for England; and the Northern Ireland Ancient Monuments Advisory Council.

A puckish sense of humour and a self-effacing manner, coupled with kindness and concern for friends and colleagues, did much to protect Jope from the frustrations he set up in others by his intensely private lifestyle, ruthless disregard for bureaucracy and fierce protection of his own time. Students who did manage to snatch ten minutes of his attention, however, were often surprised by the depth of his understanding of their problems and frequently received advice and insights that stayed with them a lifetime.

Jope is survived by his wife Margaret. They had no children.

DAME PENELOPE JESSEL

Dame Penelope Jessel, DBE, former international officer of the Liberal Party, died of cancer on December 2 aged 76. She was born on January 2, 1920.

PENELOPE JESSEL was the third of the five children of the Oxford publisher and bookseller Sir Basil Blackwell. Although she was heard ruefully to complain that she spent her life being identified in relation first to her father, then to her husband Bobby, defence correspondent of *The Times* at the time of his death in 1954, and subsequently to her two sons, both of whom entered broadcast journalism, in truth she led a life of generous political, educational, charitable and voluntary activity which culminated in her being created DBE in 1986.

She was educated at the Dragon School, Oxford — one of the few girls to be admitted in the 1920s — and at St Leonard's in Scotland. Her undergraduate career at Somerville College, Oxford, was interrupted by the war. She joined the ATS and in 1940 married Robert Jessel whom she had met at Oxford, not with the total blessing of her family. Sons were born in 1943 and 1945. After the war her husband embarked on a career in journalism and Penelope lived alternately in Manchester, then a major newspaper centre, and London.

In August 1954 Bobby Jessel, who had recently been to Australia to witness nuclear testing, noted curious bruising on his arms. The following month he died of leukaemia and Penelope found herself a widow of 34 with two young sons to bring up. With the energy and determination that marked her to the end of her courageous fight against cancer she reshaped her life, earning a qualification at the LSE and then entering on a lifetime of adult education, teaching first at William Temple College in Rugby and later moving to Plater College in Oxford, where she lectured in social administration and social work.

A comfortable childhood did not prevent her from developing a strong sense of social justice and she became an active member of the Liberal Party, whose colours she was to carry — never successfully — in six parliamentary elections and by-elections between 1964 and 1974. She was president of the Women's Liberal Federation, 1970-72, and the party's international officer, 1985-88. She was an enthusiastic European and, outraged by the conduct of US policy towards Nicaragua in the Reagan years, demonstrated against the visit to Oxford of Oliver North — a protest lent a certain piquancy by the fact that her brother Julian, the chairman of Blackwells, had invited him.

She was an indefatigable traveller, often in connection with her Liberal Party activities, immensely proud of having slept rough under the desert stars in her sixties on a visit to Mauritania. She had a great gift for making and keeping friends and by the end of her life these came from all over all the world.

She also possessed a boundless enthusiasm for voluntary work, whether it meant serving the Oxford Civic Society, the Liberal International, the Council for the Protection of Rural England, the West Oxford District Council or the Somerville College appeal. Perhaps this was a rampart against the loneliness of many decades of widowhood, but it led to concern that she was spreading even her own commitment too thin. Her links with the Oxford Cyrenians were to have a sad and undeserved outcome; the death of a young voluntary worker at the hand of a violent and deranged inmate of an Oxford homeless hostel, for the management of which she had some responsibility, deeply marked her and overshadowed her final years.

Towards the end of her life she became closely involved with the liberal think-tank, the John Stuart Mill Institute, as well as her other civic and voluntary activities. It was entirely in character that she celebrated a remission from her cancer after chemotherapy by leaving on a trip for Petra. The remission was, however, brief; a second course of treatment bought time but at a cost. For a woman whose life had been fully filled, the slow decline of her ability to drive, travel, meet and visit was the more painful. She died, as she wished, at home in bed, with friends and family present.

She is survived by her two sons, Stephen and David.

JACK POPPLEWELL

Jack Popplewell, composer and playwright, died on November 16 aged 87. He was born on March 22, 1909.

IN THE weeks before his death Jack Popplewell was working with an American collaborator to turn *Busybody*, his greatest stage success, into a musical. The proposition had bemused him at first. Written in 1964 for Irene Handl, who in it played an office cleaner who finds a corpse that keeps reappearing in different places, his comedy-thriller had run for two years in London, and four years in Paris. It had gone on to play in more than thirty other countries, but he had never supposed it to be material for a musical.

"Well, why not?" he finally said, agreeing to the idea. Although he has not lived to see the result, he was able to appreciate how neatly the venture combined the two strands of his creative life, theatre and songwriting.

Songs brought him his first success, although not until he had spent several years as a farmer in his native Yorkshire, trying to write novels in his spare time. He was born in Leeds, the only child of Walter and Beatrice Popplewell. His father was to become president of the Rugby League and take the first British team to Australia in the 1930s. Even at school, in Kirkham, Jack was writing lyrics and music, but nothing came of this until he was 30 when a friend, without his knowledge, submitted his song *If I Should Fall In Love Again* to a competition. Not only did it win, but the song was recorded by Gracie

Fields, at that time the most popular of British singers, and became a great hit in the early 1940s.

Over the years this was followed by something like seventy others. Bing Crosby recorded *My Girl's an Irish Girl*; *Really and Truly* was sung by Vera Lynn and others were recorded by Anne Shelton, Geraldo, Ambrose and even Gigli.

After the success of his first play, *Blind Alley*, at the long-vanished Q Theatre in 1953, he was to say that he had not previously tried his hand at writing for the stage because he had lacked the confidence that he could make a play work technically. The 15 he subsequently wrote, eight of them performed in the West End, would probably look distinctly old-fashioned today, and the comedy-thriller that was his speciality is a vanished genre — even if it is difficult to attend a performance of *The Mousetrap* without laughing. But his plays were able to attract excellent actors, and he enjoyed a run of successes that lasted until *Busybody*.

In 1955 Andrew Cruickshank appeared, inevitably as a wise police inspector, in *Dead on Nine*, along with Hy Hazell and Griffith Jones. It was a play in which a husband employs someone to murder his wife, a premise that owed something to *Dial M for Murder*, though the twists in the second act took a different turn. In *Dear Delinquent* (1957) David Tomlinson played a nervous bachelor, who discovers that the charming girl (Anna Massey) wandering around in his flat is an Irish burglar.

Within a year Popplewell's technically most adventurous play, *A Day in the Life of . . .* had opened at the Savoy, with the bowler-hatted Naunton Wayne guiding the audience through scenes that showed the differing impressions a man will make on the different people he meets. Significantly, the career Popplewell chose for the play's hero (Alfred Marks) was that of a publisher of popular songs.

These plays were variously described as light, amusing, easy entertainment, ingeniously plotted and sprinkled with clever lines. But in the course of the 1960s the fashion moved away from such plays, and when Popplewell revived the Irene Handl character for a sequel to *Busybody* the result, *Dead Easy* (1973), was not a success.

In private life a man of dry wit who shunned publicity, Jack Popplewell spent his last years in a village outside Bath with his wife Betty. Married in 1941, they were together for 55 years until her death in August. They are survived by their two daughters.

DAVID HUMPHREYS

David Humphreys, OBE, headmaster, died in Cyprus of a heart attack on November 5 aged 69. He was born on September 8, 1927.

DAVID HUMPHREYS was one of the best-known Englishmen in post-colonial Cyprus, where he was the headmaster of the English School for 20 challenging and sometimes turbulent years. He taught the children of many of the island's leading politicians, lawyers and businessmen. Anglophiles and Anglophobes alike, who saw the school as a passport to British universities.

Its pre-eminence in a small society gave Humphreys a prominent profile and, as a rather shy man, he felt the strains of being in the public eye. He was more relaxed after his retirement in 1988 when he enjoyed the spotlight of a different kind: as an actor in the amateur Anglo-Cypriot Theatre.

David Humphreys's first teaching post was at Victoria College, Cairo. He went there in 1952 directly from Clare College, Cambridge, where he had read English literature and history. The posting ended abruptly and dramatically with the Suez crisis four years later when he was put under house arrest for seven months with other British members of staff.

For the next six years he taught at Bridlington Grammar School in Yorkshire and at Brighton College in Sussex, where he had spent his own schoolboy years.

In 1962 he went to Cyprus, two years after the island had won independence following a violent guerrilla campaign by Greek Cypriots. Cyprus then was still much as Lawrence Durrell had portrayed it in *Bitter Lemons*, a sleepy backwater dependent mainly on agriculture. But Humphreys had little contact with the sort of colourful locals depicted by Durrell. He was the deputy headmaster at St John's School at Episkopi, one of two largely self-contained British sovereign military bases.

After six years, he moved on to a far more challenging post at the English School in Nicosia, where he was to become its longest-serving headmaster. He had a reputation for being intelligent and dedicated but aloof, demanding and very English. Academic results had always been good, but he ensured that they became outstanding. Many pupils made it to Oxbridge. Parents and teachers valued his ability to ensure tight discipline although he rarely relied on more than a frosty glance to silence troublemakers. Pupils nicknamed him "the Tsar".

Yet he was also progressive and determined that the school should not merely be an exam factory. He soon learnt just how conservative Cypriot society could be when he introduced the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme in his first year: he had to overcome strenuous resistance by some parents, horrified at the notion of their daughters sleeping under canvas in forests with boys just yards away in neighbouring tents.

His other early success, in 1969, was to ensure that Turkish Cypriot pupils, who had left the school after intercommunal bloodshed in 1963-64, returned. Archbishop Makarios, the republic's first President, approved the move, as did the Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktas, himself an English School old boy.

Five years later, in July 1974, the island was convulsed by a right-wing Greek Cypriot coup which triggered the Turkish invasion. Humphreys was away on a Mediterranean cruise but returned immediately to Cyprus, arriving on the last plane to land at Nicosia international airport, now stranded in the United Nations buffer zone that splits the island. He arranged for his wife and daughter to go to England but stayed on himself, only one of two British members of staff who did so.

He worked at the British High Commission, assisting the evacuation, and then managed to reopen the school almost on time after the calamitous summer break. In 1975 the school recorded its best-ever A-level results with a 90 per cent pass rate. For his services to education and to the British community in Cyprus he was appointed OBE in 1975.

He is survived by his wife Sheila and two sons and two daughters.

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The invasion and occupation of the Channel Islands rates only a brief memorandum in Churchill's The Second World War. *He writes: "If it be true that a few hundred German troops have been landed plans should be studied to land and kill or capture the invaders . . ."*

CHANNEL ISLANDS "NIGHTMARE"

One of the most complete accounts of life in war-time conditions in the Channel Islands has been given in a letter which has just reached London from a resident of Jersey.

Writing to her mother on October 2, she said: What a nightmare these four years have been and how we have missed you all, but I thank God a thousand times that you went away. We live in constant fear, and dread, and when the bell rings at an unusual hour one's heart stops beating till one discovers that it is not the hated *Gestapo*. We are absolutely "hamstrung" by the devils. We personally have only had one visit, when Daddy was questioned for nearly one hour; that was in 1940.

Tell them at home to come and relieve us. We would willingly put up with bombing and would help all we can if only we could be free again and could get into touch with England once more. We have had our fill of Germans and their evil ways, and never want to see or hear of them again. We all feel that we have been abandoned by the Mother Country, and can't think why.

There has never been one message over the BBC or anything in four and a half years. It seems so strange, and shows great lack of imagination on the part of the Ministry of Information and BBC. If we had been French, Polish, or any other nationality, we would have been showered with messages and pamphlets. But because we are British we are thoroughly neglected and no one at home seems to care a hoot that we have struggled to keep our end up, and the German in his place.

With hunger and cold staring us in the face, and we helpless to do anything about it, the Germans are pinching all the food and fuel, and the only people who get anything extra are the collaborators and the "Jelly Bags," and I can tell you there are a few hundred of each kind. The States are in a condition of complete jitters and give way to the Germans over everything: "Don't do anything to annoy them" is their cry. But that is a long story and must be told by a readier pen than mine.

I only hope that there will be a committee of inquiry here before they start handing out any bouquets and will look into the activities of the States and find out what they have and have not done. The black marketeers must be severely dealt with and also the informers, the "quislings". The lynching in Rome will seem a kindergarten game compared with what will happen here when the pent up wrath and indignation of the masses is let loose . . .

Later: We hear (a rumour) that the protecting Power has been asked to send us supplies. It will be very nice for us, but it will also be very nice for the Germans. I hear that a question was asked about us in the House of Commons this week, and that the reply was: "The garrisons of Jersey and Guernsey were given a chance to surrender, but refused. There is no reason to suppose that the inhabitants are not being properly treated," and that was all!

Again this shows a lack of imagination on the part of the BBC. How do they know how we are being treated? Let them come and try it and see if they think it "proper".

THE TIMES TODAY

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5 1996

NEWS

Soft options at A level to be curbed

■ Gillian Shephard will today order a return to rigorous testing of basic grammar and arithmetic at A level and introduce strict curbs on the ability of schools to "shop around" for soft option examination courses.

The education and employment secretary, alarmed at a decline in literacy levels among even the brightest A-level students in English over the last 20 years, wants all courses to place greater emphasis on spelling and writing............Page 1

Anglers out to catch hungry cormorants

■ Militant anglers are defying the law by shooting and poisoning cormorants, a protected species which they say is devastating their sport. The birds, whose numbers have increased in recent years to around 7,200 pairs, may be shot only under licence............Page 1

New country

A British resident is standing as Labour candidate in local elections on the Spanish Costa del Sol............Page 1

Japan 'must pay'

The Government took the risk of upsetting Japanese industry by suggesting that Japan's wealthiest companies should pay compensation to thousands of British prisoners of war............Page 2

Picnic machete attack

A machete-wielding attacker likened himself to the killers Thomas Hamilton and Michael Bryant after he attacked a class of nursery children as they enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic, a jury was told............Page 3

Party warning

Too much Christmas party spirit in the office will lead to acrimonious disputes in the new year, say lawyers............Page 5

Ford race row

A bitter public row flared over allegations of "institutionalised racism" at Ford's Dagenham plant after two union leaders fell out over the allegiance of the company's highest paid manual workers............Page 8

Bag lady myth

Homeless women are more likely to be educated, married mothers suffering from schizophrenia or depression than elderly alcholics carrying plastic bags......Page 10

Child police

Children will go "undercover" to catch shopkeepers who flout lottery rules under plans announced for a clampdown on underage gambling............Page 11

Nuclear plea

Retired generals and admirals from countries including Britain, America and Russia issued a joint demand for the complete elimination of the world's nuclear arsenal............Page 13

Paris under guard

Hundreds of police and soldiers armed with machineguns were patrolling the streets, railway stations and landmarks of Paris, after the bomb on a crowded commuter train............Page 14

Exiles anger

Sudeten Germans, expelled from Czechoslovakia after the Second World War, will make life difficult for Helmut Kohl if he goes ahead with a long-delayed friendship treaty with Prague.. Page 15

Gay marriages

A Hawaiian judge has become the first in American history to declare that denying marriage licences to homosexual couples is unconstitutional............Page 16

New CIA chief

President Clinton appeared set to move Anthony Lake, his National Security Adviser and key negotiator on Ireland, to the directorship of the CIA............Page 17

Dog lover kept on a leash

■ A Moroccan millionairess is suing American Airlines after being tied up by the captain of her New York flight while her dog ran riot in first class. Marcelle Becker had bought one first class seat for herself and another, by the window, for her miniature Maltese, Dom Perignon. But while she slept the dog escaped and Mrs Becker woke up very angry............Page 1

SIMON WALKER

Two Japanese students were among the passengers to take Eurostar to Paris when the service through the Channel Tunnel reopened. Page 7

BUSINESS

Jobs: Bass plans to create 7,000 British jobs in the next few months. But ScottishPower is to axe more than 2,000 jobs at its Southern Water subsidiary and NatWest confirmed that 10,000 jobs will go and 200 branches close by the millennium............Page 25

Airlines: Delta and Continental are in talks to create the largest carrier in America............Page 25

Hotels: Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, the Saudi billionaire who is a nephew of King Fahd, is to buy the George V hotel in Paris from Granada............Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 16.3 to 4054.2. Sterling's index fell from 93.7 to 92.7 after a fall from $1.6520 to $1.6382 and from DM2.5884 to DM2.5602............Page 28

Cricket: Mashonaland were 279 for nine in reply to England's first innings of 197 in their four-day match in Harare. Robert Croft followed his 80 not out with four wickets............Page 48

Football: Jimmy Case was dismissed as manager of Brighton, the bottom club in the Nationwide League. George Petchey, 64, the reserve and youth coach, becomes caretaker manager............Page 48

Rugby union: Tony Underwood, who has not played for England since the World Cup semi-final last year, has been recalled for the match against Argentina ..Page 45

Tennis: Andre Agassi lost 3-6, 4-6 to Mark Woodforde in the first round of the Compaq Grand Slam Cup in Munich............Page 46

Films: Thanksgiving Day from hell is the subject of Jodie Foster's *Home for the Holidays*, while Christmas cheer is thin on the ground in Arnold Schwarzenegger's *Jingle All the Way*............Page 37

Videos and records: A kidnap drama with a modern twist in the Coen brothers' wonderful *Fargo*; while Valery Gergiev conducts his thrilling Kirov Opera singers and orchestra in a Russian epic ..Page 38

Largesse: The National Lottery has handed out millions of pounds to great arts projects, but will the recipients be able to raise the necessary funds from private donors to make them happen?............Page 39

Good start: Martin McDonagh's debut play, *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, in London............Page 39

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■ POP
Alan Jackson talks to the veteran soul star, Diana Ross

■ BOOKS
Christmas presents galore — from fiction to food — reviewed in the *Times*/Dillons 20-page supplement

Giles Coren on answerphones. It is only by listening to people's messages that you can get to their soul............Page 19

Christmas Appeal: There is an insatiable demand for powdered horn and rhinos are hunted to extinction............Page 19

Dr Thomas Stuttaford says that despite the Duchess of York's complaints, better a scar than a damaged baby............Page 18

Past, present future: Jeanette Winterson on Tarot; Michael Hofmann: an Icelandic hodge-podge; Hardy Amies: uniforms; Anthony Storr: rebels............Pages 40, 41

Basking in the sun: Holidaymakers have been booking up country cottages after the sunniest November on record............Page 34

Bargain: Champagne Christmas; self-catering in Barbados ..Page 35

France's "neutrality" towards Algeria can only mark it out as a target. Of course this policy is completely irrational, which does not trouble the Islamic criminals. Each new terrorist attack in France has the effect of reinforcing Zéroual's position by making his intransigence against the "blind killers" understandable — *Liberation*, Paris

Preview: The 1989 football tragedy dramatised by Jimmy McGovern. *Hillsborough* (ITV, 9pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss on the flogging of a dead horse............Page 47

Test of time

Understanding and creativity are delightful ornaments: but they must be built on memory and on respect for facts and mental discipline............Page 21

Bohemian ghosts

Prague is eager to join the EU and needs Bonn's support; for his part, Chancellor Kohl seems keen to lance this ancient Sudetenland boil............Page 21

Angling enemies

Anglers must learn to live and let live with the cormorants, as they do with such less efficient fishers as herons and kingfishers......Page 21

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Monday night's vote rejected the liberal Conservatism of the 1960s in favour of the post-Thatcherite Conservatism which is emerging in the 1990s............Page 20

ROBERT SCHEUTTINGER

One of Reagan's assistant directors for Natiuonal Security Affairs, writes a briefing document for 2004, outlining Britain's dazzling success outside the European Union............Page 20

JOHN BRYANT

Two runners who dedicated their lives to health, fitness, records, medals — men who had everything — have now, cruelly, had just about everything snatched away by serious illnesses............Page 46

PETER RIDDELL

The Tories would be better advised to concentrate on questioning Labour's reform proposals than to go to the last ditch in defending hereditary peers............Page 12

Professor Martin Jope, archaeologist; **Dame Penelope Jessel**, former international officer of the Liberal Party; **Jack Popplewell**, composer and playwright.Page 23

"Wait and see" policy on Europe; Aids research funding; early retirement; children's TV viewing; handgun ban; Hitler's anti-Semitism; Seychelles owls............Page 21

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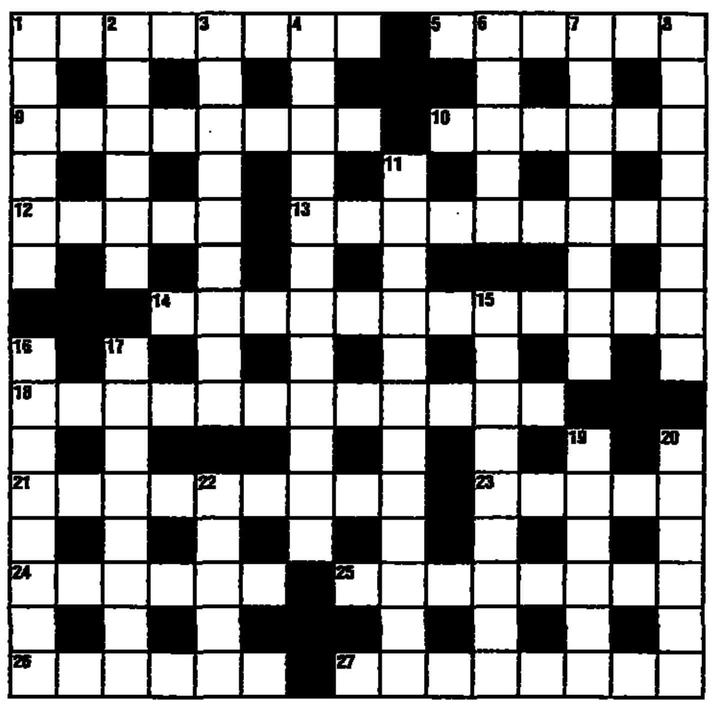

ACROSS
1 Collegian plays this part in M.S.N.D., showing pluck (4,4).
5 Pass drinks, surrounded by ease, say (6).
9 Boy briefly shut in small room, in strict adherence to rules (8).
10 Accident when pierced by a heavy knife (6).
12 Commotion about new work of art (5).
13 Steam train's smoother to Copenhagen, say (4,5).
14 Crane to see this picture from vantage point? (5-3,4).
18 Many, by rain in the resort, confused (12).
21 From corrupt free port I make excessive amount (9).
23 Glamour-girl that gets one barely steamed up? (5).
24 Governor carrying corn in last carriage (6).
25 Challenge heartless Duke intended (8).
26 Finishes the Spanish oil (6).
27 Climber is an upright character (8).

DOWN
1 Some slew a pitiable deer (6).
2 Number One discharging eastern cargo (6).
3 One offering lagoon ride without a mishap? (9).
4 Bell-ringer likely to parade his hobby-horse? (6,6).
6 Reluctant undertaking to support the pound (5).
7 Stupid climber wants end of climb before bad weather arrives (3-5).
8 Birdie in excellent golf score, unusually low (5,3).
11 Feeling of solidarity needed to understand woman's point (12).
15 Girl in 'er teens coming to grief (9).
16 It's careless to trip in slippers, say (8).
17 Scrap with a fellow worker on the barrier (8).
19 Reduced to ashes in a vase in the garden (6).
20 Calling to move along quickly (6).
22 Release result (5).

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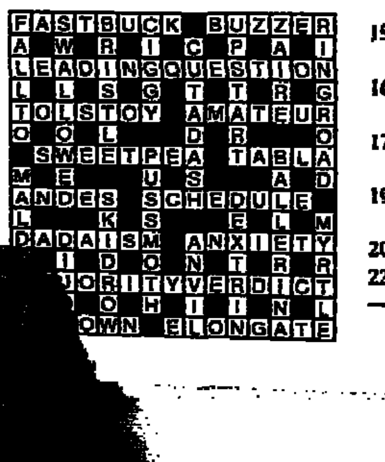

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Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a mainly bright, dry day with sunny periods in areas sheltered to the south of high ground. North-facing coasts and hills will have wintry showers.

☐ **London, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, NW England, Lake District, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** Frosty, foggy start, clearing. Bright or clear, sunny periods later, mainly dry. Winds light, westerly. Cold. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Channel Isles:** Frosty start, bright or sunny periods, isolated coastal showers. Cloudier later. Winds light, southwest. Cold. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Moray Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** Clear or bright periods. Showers, mainly over the north-facing coast and hills, wintry in places. Wind moderate, northwest. Cold. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Central Highlands:** Clear or sunny periods. Snow showers in north, drifting in mountains. Winds moderate, northerly. Cold. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Rather cloudy, frequent wintry showers, bright intervals. Winds fresh or strong, northerly, easing. Cold. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Outlook:** Frosty, foggy nights, bright by day. Cloudier in southeast. Rain in northwest later.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.2	1.49	6	43	sh	Leuchars	-	0.56	6	43	sh
Anglesey	X					Littlehmptn	4.8	0.01	10	50	s
Aspatria	-	0.08	6	43	c	London	6.9	-	10	50	s
Aviemore	-	1.68	3	37	sl	Lowestoft	0.5	-	8	46	c
Belfast	X					Manchester	3.0	0.28	7	45	sh
Birmingham	X					Margate	4.3	0.01	9	48	s
Bognor R	5.8	0.01	9	48	s	Minehead	3.3	0.22	8	46	sh
Bournem'th	5.6	-	10	50	s	Morecambe	1.0	0.17	7	45	sh
Bristol	X					Newcastle	0.1	0.30	6	43	r
Buxton	-	0.39	4	39	du	Newquay	X				
Cardiff	2.5	0.08	10	50	sh	Norwich	6.0	-	8	46	s
Clacton	6.2	-	7	45	s	Oxford	3.7	0.03	8	46	r
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	X				
Colwyn Bay	4.4	0.34	8	46	b	Poole	5.6	-	10	50	s
Cromer	6.3	-	8	46	s	Prestatyn	X	0.28	7	45	b
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	1.9	0.11	7	45	r
Eastbourne	2.7	0.01	10	50	b	Sandown	4.4	0.02	10	50	sh
Edinburgh	-	0.62	7	45	r	Saunton Snd	2.1	0.30	11	52	c
Eskdalemuir	-	1.04	3	37	sl	Scarboro'	4.2	0.04	6	43	b
Exmouth	5.2	0.05	10	50	s	Shanklin	3.8	0.02	10	50	b
Fishguard	2.6	0.25	8	46	h	Shrewsbury	5.4	0.20	8	46	b
Folkestone	3.5	-	10	50	b	Southend	X				
Glasgow	-	0.14	7	45	c	Southport	3.3	0.23	8	46	sh
Guernsey	4.6	0.05	12	54	s	Southsea	X				
Hastings	1.9	0.01	9	48	b	Stornoway	0.7	0.07	6	43	X
Hayling I.	6.1	0.01	10	50	sh	Swanage	5.3	-	10	50	s
Hove	2.0	-	10	50	s	Teignmouth	5.9	0.09	13	55	s
Hunstanton	4.2	-	7	45	s	Tenby	3.0	0.18	9	48	sh
Ilfracombe	X					Tiree	2.5	0.03	8	46	sh
Isle of Man	0.3	0.03	7	45	c	Torquay	6.0	0.05	11	52	s
Jersey	X					Tynemouth	X				
Kinloss	-	0.49	6	43	r	Ventnor	4.7	0.02	10	50	b
Leeds	3.2	0.04	7	45	sh	West-s-mare	X				
Lerwick	-	0.50	5	41	r	Weymouth	5.9	0.01	11	52	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	15	59	s	Corfu	13	55	f	Majorca	15	59	s	Rome	13	55	s
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Alex'dria	22	72	f	Dublin	4	39	r	Malta	16	61	s	S Paulo	25	77	c
Algiers	19	66	s	Dubrovnik	10	50	f	Melb'rne	17	63	f	Salzburg	4	39	s
Amst'dm	6	43	r	Faro	18	64	s	Mexico C	20	68	s	Santiago	26	79	s
Athens	15	59	f	Florence	7	45	s	Miami	28	82	s	Seoul	5	41	f
B Aires	29	84	f	Frankfurt	5	41	r	Milan	13	55	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
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Belgrade	2	36	f	Innsbrck	2	36	s	Nairobi	24	75	s	Tenerife	22	72	s
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Biarritz	15	59	s	Jo'burg	27	81	f	Oslo	1	34	c	Tunis	18	64	f
Borde'x	14	57	s	L Angels	17	63	s	Paris	8	46	c	Valencia	17	63	s
Brussels	7	45	r	L Palmas	22	72	f	Peking	4	39	f	Vanc'ver	3	37	c
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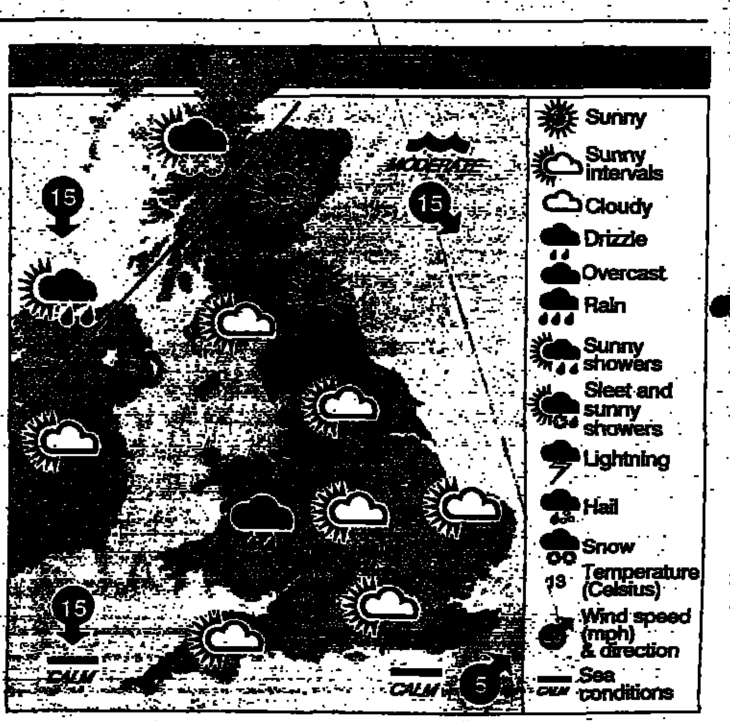
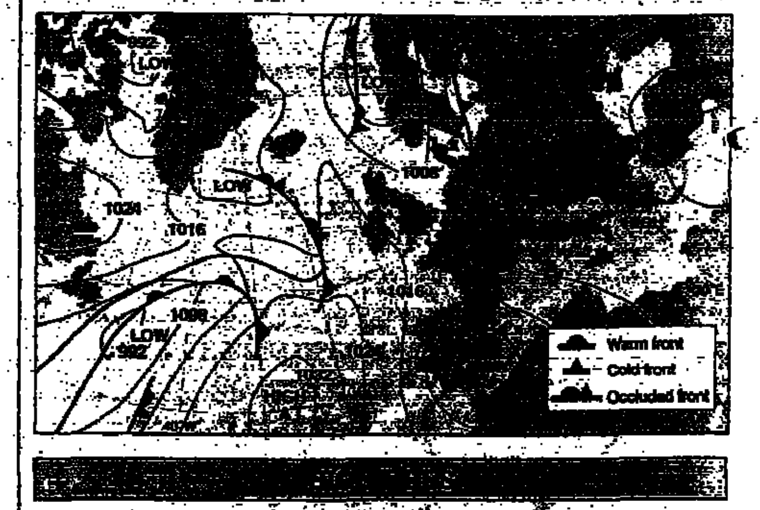
Cologne	5	41	r	Madrid	11	52	s	Riyadh	22	72	s	Zurich	6	43	f

Temperatures at midday local time on Tuesday X = not available



High A will remain slow-moving and will continue to build; Low V will continue to move northeast. Low J will be slow-moving close to Spain.



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8:17	5.7	9:05	5.9	Leith	10:01	4.5	10:29	4.6
Aberdeen	9:03	3.5	9:17	3.6	Liverpool	6:23	7.9	6:42	7.6
Avonmouth	1:43	9.7	2:26	10.0	Lowestoft	4:31	2.3	5:37	2.2
Belfast	6:20	2.9	6:36	3.1	Margate	6:54	3.9	7:40	3.9
Cardiff	1:19	8.8	2:03	9.2	Milford Haven	1:13	6.2	1:38	5.4
Devonport	0:22	4.3	12:44	4.6	Newquay	0:21	5.0	12:50	5.1
Dover	6:15	5.4	6:55	5.4	Oban	1:33	3.0	1:39	3.2
Dublin (N Wall)	7:21	3.4	7:35	3.5	Penzance	12:08	4.5	6:54	2.0
Falmouth	0:18	3.9	12:40	4.1	Portland	1:12	1.3	1:14	1.4
Greenock	7:45	2.9	7:40	3.1	Portsmouth	6:24	4.0	6:40	3.8
Harwich	6:32	3.3	7:05	3.4	Shoreham	6:26	6.0	6:52	4.8
Holyhead	5:51	4.5	6:09	4.7	Southampton	5:58	3.9	6:20	3.8
Hull (Albert D)	0:28	5.9	1:47	6.9	Swansea	1:15	7.2	1:45	7.5
Ilfracombe	0:52	7.0	1:21	7.2	Tees	11:16	4.3	11:32	4.4
King's Lynn	1:43	4.7	2:27	4.8	Walton-on-Naze	6:23	3.4	7:07	3.4

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Sun rises: 7.50 am
Sun sets: 3.53 pm
Moon sets: 1.20 pm
Moon rises: 1.26 am
London 3.53 pm to 7.51 am
Bristol 4.03 pm to 8.00 am
Edinburgh 3.41 pm to 8.27 am
Manchester 3.51 pm to 8.09 am
Penzance 4.31 pm to 8.05 am
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